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GERMAN FIRE RAID VERSION

"Streets and factories" were mentioned as military objectives by the German radio yesterday, commenting on Sunday night's air raid on London.

The announcer said that as visibility was good important successes were obtained.

Many huge fires were stated to have been caused and an uninterrupted series of explosions, said the announcer, could be heard all over the city.

He added that although the attack was only of short duration it was pressed home by strong formations and "came as a surprise so that the Luftwaffe sustained no losses."—Reuter.

BALTIC GENERALS IN RED ARMY

FORMER COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF OF THE LITHUANIAN, ESTONIAN AND LATVIAN ARMIES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED LIEUTENANT-GENERALS IN THE RED ARMY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY.

These officers are Generals Vitkauskas, Jonson and Elavins, respectively.

Sixteen other officers of the armies of the former Baltic States have been appointed major-generals in the Red Army.

Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia were incorporated in the Soviet Union last August. — Reuter.

SOVIET AND THE WAR IN CHINA

"The fighting ability of the Chinese army has increased in the past year," declared the Soviet paper "Red Star" in Moscow yesterday.

The paper attributes this to the opening of the Burma road and the development of war industries in the south-west provinces.

Pointing out that Japan's desire to end the so-called Sino-Japanese Incident has not been fulfilled, the Soviet paper foresees a continuation of the long war "exhaustive for Japan." — Reuter.

Full Agreement With President's Central Thesis

FRANKFURT TARGET BOMBED

One objective raid by British bombers in Germany on Sunday night was a military objective in the Frankfurt area, it was learned in London last night, says Reuter.

VICHY EDUCATION DECREE

Reform of school administration, aimed at eliminating "all political and local influences" from French State Schools, is introduced by a new decree in Vichy yesterday.

One of the main objects of the decree is to eliminate the influence of teachers who were members of the formerly influential Teachers' Trade Union.

In future teachers' representatives on departmental school councils will be appointed by the Minister of Education.—Reuter.

VICHY FOOD PROBLEM

THE VICHY GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL RESEARCH BUREAU TO DEAL WITH THE URGENT PROBLEM OF FOOD SUPPLIES, STATES THE HAVAS AGENCY.

It will be under the direction of the Inspector-general of food supplies and will work in conjunction with the scientific committee studying products to remedy malnutrition.—Reuter.

BIAS BAY REPORT

Chinese press reports this morning stated that an aircraft carrier and several destroyers arrived in Bias Bay yesterday. These reports, however, are not confirmed by usually well-informed quarters.

"BY BLUNTLY ANNOUNCING THAT HE REGARDS THE GERMAN-ITALIAN-JAPANESE PACT AS DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT PUT ALL THREE COUNTRIES ON NOTICE THAT HE REGARDS THEM AS POTENTIAL IF NOT ACTUAL ENEMIES."

This sentence is contained in a "New York Times" editorial on President Roosevelt's talk in which it was also stated that the overwhelming majority of the country would agree whole-heartedly with the President's central thesis that a victory of the Axis powers would mean a "new and terrible era."

The "New York Herald-Tribune" describes the address as "a high call to action" and says that the President's aim to see facts as they are is the one guiding aim of all those who have been urging the American people to send aid to Britain.

President Pleased

President Roosevelt was greatly pleased at the reaction to his speech.

The address brought a greater response than any previous Roosevelt talk, said his Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, making this announcement at a Washington press conference yesterday.

Messages, he added, were 100 to one in favour of the policy enunciated in the talk.

LYONS USES D.N.B. VERSION

Lyons radio last night treated President Roosevelt's speech with great care.

Comment was that the speech was "as important as had been expected" and that the intensity of the statement that nothing would stop American aid to Britain "goes beyond the limits of official style and is certain to arouse passionate comment all over the world."

Extracts of the speech were quoted by Lyons radio but quotations were remarkable for the fact that the many references to the National Socialists and their policies were omitted; the summary given was that issued by the German official news agency.—Reuter.

PART OF T.U.C. IN WAR

The great part played in the Battle for Britain by the Trades Union Congress is the subject of a review issued yesterday in London, and which shows how close and satisfactory is the collaboration between the Government and the T.U.C., which represents over 5,000,000 organised workers.

Goodwill on both sides and a united determination to defeat the Nazi menace and preserve democracy quickly swept away the initial difficulties.

The whole machinery is now working smoothly.

The T.U.C. is playing an increasingly important part in other spheres as well.

For instance, more canteens provided by the Unions for air-raid relief work have been inspected by the King at Buckingham Palace, while similar ones have done magnificent work in Coventry, Bristol and Birmingham.

Nearly £1,000,000 has been lent to the Government free of interest, and individual contributions in the T.U.C.'s Red Cross "Penny-a-week" scheme have already brought in thousands of pounds.—Reuter.

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BULGARIA'S NEUTRALITY

Policy Re-Affirmed By The Foreign Minister

Nothing To Justify Change

BULGARIA WILL not depart from her avowed policy of strict neutrality, declared M. Popoff, the Foreign Minister, in the Bulgarian Parliament yesterday.

M. Popoff emphasised there are no current causes requiring a change in the neutrality policy which has been clearly enunciated



Photo shows: The German pilot, mentioned in accompanying picture, with his head bandaged, brought in by the lifeboat. (Copyright, Fox).

The statement was made during the debate on the Budget in which an ex-Minister had stated that the Bulgarian people had the right to ask the Government to clarify its foreign policy because they would defend Bulgaria with money and property.

M. Popoff also referred apparently to propaganda of Bulgarian Left Wing elements favouring closer cooperation with Russia.

He said the Bulgarian Government was absolutely determined not to listen to the Right or Left outside the National Assembly.

Soviet Changes

Meanwhile it is strongly rumoured in the Soviet Legation in Sofia that changes in personnel are imminent.

Col. Maslloff, new military attache, arrived recently. In view of the recent increase in Communist propaganda in Bulgaria such changes are believed to be important. — Reuter.

GRADUATES OF THE AIR

In addition to flying training, astronomy, trigonometry and higher mathematics are three of the branches of knowledge studied by the general reconnaissance pilot. That is why it takes 11 months to train a reconnaissance pilot of the Coastal Command.

The dual qualifications—piloting and navigation—are required for practically all Coastal Command work. In most aircraft crews, pilots and navigators are interchangeable. They may both be officers, or both sergeant-pilots, or one of each. They are used to flying with each other, one piloting one day and navigating the next, as they make their long sweeps over the sea, guarding convoys or taking a look into enemy-occupied territory. They are probably the best "all-rounders" in the Service, for they must be prepared to act also as bombers or fighters when they meet enemy aircraft.

A knowledge of astronomy is necessary for all pilots who qualify in astro-navigation—the art of navigation by the stars or sun. The safe home-coming of a Hudson the other night was due to the ability of the navigator to calculate his position from the stars. He got no help from the wireless set, which was damaged by shrapnel, and thick cloud made ground observation impossible. The navigator obtained a "fix" from two stars, and was able to give the pilot his position to within two miles.

RENDEZVOUS ENCOUNTER

DURING A PATROL A SERGEANT PILOT WAS INSTRUCTED TO MEET HIS LEADER AT CLOUD BASE OVER A TOWN IN THE WEST COUNTRY. WHAT HAPPENED IS BEST TOLD IN HIS OWN WORDS.

"On coming out of the cloud," he said, "I sighted an aircraft about a mile away. I took this to be my leader, but on closer examination, I recognised it as a twin-engined aircraft, so I went off to investigate."

"When about 800 yards astern the aircraft opened fire with cannon. It was a Junkers 88 bomber. I fired a very short burst from 800 yards, and as I closed, it climbed into the clouds. I saw it emerge and I attacked again from 250 yards, closing to 150 yards, with a



A German Dornier 17 bomber was recently shot down over the South East coast by a detachment of the Somerset Light Infantry. They took one of the Spandau machine-guns and ammunition from the aircraft and mounted the gun on a high angle mounting. Two days later a Messerschmidt 109 flew over this same detachment at about 1,000 feet, and it was promptly brought down by the Somersets. It fell into the sea two miles from shore. A lifeboat was launched and picked up the pilot. Photo shows: Soldiers and civilians hauling in the lifeboat carrying the German pilot, who has his head bandaged. (Copyright, Fox).

R.A.F. APPRENTICES' HONOURS

The aircraft apprentices school attached to the R.A.F.'s biggest training station is indenting for a new honours board. Since the first entry was made in 1929 there have been added some 70 names of apprentices from the School who have attained outstanding success and distinction in the Royal Air Force.

Though the school specialises in the training of tradesmen, many of its apprentices have attained commissioned rank and their names are all recorded. Other names commemorate acts of gallantry or conspicuous devotion to duty on the disturbed frontiers of the Empire, in the Middle East, Aden, the Sudan, the Northwest Frontier and other regions where, in peace time, the R.A.F. exercised an unobtrusive but constant vigilance over would-be disturbers of the peace.

And now, at the close of the school year, another list of names has been prepared to be added to this distinguished company, a list which covers the first year of the second German War, a list half as long as all the previous lists combined. Though some of these awards are in the same category as the previous ones, the majority of the decorations gained have been won in action against the German Air Force.

They include Sergeant T. Gray's V.C., Flight Lieutenant Pitcairn-Hill's D.S.O. and D.F.C., one D.F.C., one D.F.M. with bar, 44 D.F.M.'s and one M.M. In addition 8 ex-apprentices have been mentioned in despatches and 29 have been promoted to commissioned rank.

So to commemorate the outstanding deeds of these old boys, whose actions have brought honour to the school that trained them, a new honours board is to be provided.

But there is in the school another list of names, of whose holders the Royal Air Force is justly proud. This is the list of all the apprentices who have received their training in the school and have passed out into the Service as fitters, riggers, armourers, etc., the skilled tradesmen who perform the unspectacular but vital job of getting the Spitfires and the Hurricanes, the Blenheims and the Wellingtons up into the air. Both lists act as an incentive to the apprentice of to-day. Perhaps he may not win the D.F.M., but what he is determined to win is the grateful nod and friendly grin of the pilot who acknowledges at the end of a hazardous flight over enemy territory that "he went like a bird."

burst of two to three seconds. The aircraft caught fire and fell through the cloud."

CHASE ENDS IN VICTORY

ONE CLEAR NIGHT RECENTLY, A BLENHEIM FIGHTER PILOT SAW BOMBS DROP NEAR A TOWN IN THE NORTH-WEST. A FEW MINUTES LATER, AMONG THE STARS, HE SAW ONE WHICH SEEMED TO BE MOVING. IT WAS A LIGHT SHOWING FROM A HEINKEL. WHETHER THE GERMAN PILOT KNEW HE WAS BEING FOLLOWED WILL NEVER BE KNOWN, BUT HE LED HIS PURSUER FIRST INTO THE HEART OF MIDLANDS AND THEN BACK UP TOWARDS THE YORKSHIRE COAST, BEFORE HE HEADED FOR HOME.

Forty miles out to sea the Blenheim pilot, who had been going, as he says, "full bat," and at the same time keeping the Heinkel in sight for at least an hour, told his station that he thought he would have to give up the chase. He was told that as he had gone so far he might as well let off his ammunition with a long shot.

He fired his front guns from about a quarter of a mile, and to his great surprise found himself at once gaining rapidly on the Heinkel. He continued to fire, finished his ammunition, and was then able to come up alongside to let his gunner pour in a broadside that sent the Heinkel crashing into the sea.

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**SIDELIGHTS OF
THE AIR RAIDS**

THE SIRENS WAILED in a south-west town, the guns barked, and people in the streets made their way to a public shelter—built to hold 100.

But the door was locked and the key could not be found. For the first time in his duties, the warden had mislaid it. So men, women and children scattered to other shelters. Some flattened themselves in doorways as the bombs screamed down.

When the raid was over, all that remained of the locked shelter was the concrete outline of the floor. It had been smashed to atoms by a direct hit.

A portion of splintered doorway and a bomb-scarred lock were handed to the warden—who had found the key at last!

Siren Money

Members of a club in Hove (Sussex) have decided to make money out of the sirens. Every time they hear that old familiar wailing, they each put a halfpenny into the kitty.

In seven weeks they have raised £40.

A grant from the fund will be paid out to any member, his wife or family who suffer loss or injury in an air raid.

Rumour

The house of Mrs. Edith Pike, who lives in a South-East Coast town, was demolished by a direct bomb hit. Mrs. Pike and her six-month-old baby were rescued almost unhurt, although slight injuries to her face meant that Mrs. Pike spent one day in hospital.

Rumour ably assisted by the down-to-the-ground appearance of Mrs. Pike's house, said she and her baby were dead. Contradicted by the warden, rumour still persisted and spread and added a few "first-hand" details.

Finally, Mr. S. B. King, the head A.P. warden in the district, invited Mrs. Pike to take a walk with him round the town. So they sauntered round the crowded streets and peered into shop windows and stopped to chat with their friends.

But—believe it or not—it took a day or so to kill that tale—for Dame Rumour is an obstinate and pig-headed creature.

Bee-Mask

When the bomb-krieg began the London headquarters of the R.S.P.C.A. was bombarded with inquiries from people anxious to protect their pets against possible gas attack.

One harassed official spent eight hours at the telephone dealing with questions about cats, dogs, goats, rabbits and guinea-pigs.

The last call came from an agitated old lady.

"Have you," she said, "a gas mask suitable for putting over my beehive?"

No, We Haven't

In search of future quieter nights, a man and wife made a week-end tour through a number of country villages.

They didn't get a word in edgewise because, as each housewife opened her door and they drew a deep breath and opened their mouths, they were greeted with a polite but firm "No—we haven't."

Which reminds me that I have seen advertisements in several country weeklies offering a reward of £5 for information about vacant rooms in country houses.

**STILL
ROOM IN
THE R.A.F.**

Every week that passes enables the Royal Air Force to absorb and employ more of the available talent and energy of the younger generation—both men and women.

Wireless mechanics are still wanted. Applicants should have a sound knowledge of the theory and practice of wireless sets and practical experience of the radio trade. Tradesmen rather than instrument makers are required.

New opportunities for men anxious to undertake air crew duties have resulted in a speeding up of enrolment. There is still room for pilots, wireless operators, air gunners and observers. Accepted candidates are now usually called up for training without undue delay.

Intelligent women between the ages of 18 and 43 will find an opening as radio operators in the W.A.A.F. Free training is provided for this interesting work.

**FRENCH
SPIRIT
REVIVING****Parisians Wear
Tricolour**

Though it is too early yet to know how far the heartening news of the expansion of Gen. de Gaulle's following has spread in France, there are various signs that a slow reawakening of national feeling is in progress.

The general impression to be gathered from the controlled Press is that the writers paid by Germany are hoping and praying for a rapid German victory, so that they may be proved right and escape from paying, sooner or later, the penalty of their treachery.

Meanwhile Gringore, a scurrilous weekly, which lives on scandal and political "tit-bits," is showing caution where Gen. de Gaulle is concerned. In the last issue to reach London, though the one paragraph in which the General is mentioned is unpleasant in tone it speaks of the "robust" answer which he made to the news that he had been sentenced to death—"We who go on fighting are all more or less sentenced to death, anyway."

This can only mean that Gringore suspects that many of its readers have a soft spot in their hearts for the Free France movement. Otherwise it would attack him as it attacks Mr. Churchill.

Germans Nettled

M. Laval has had talks in Paris with Otto Abetz, the official representative in France of the German Foreign Office. This visit coincided with, though perhaps it did not provoke, an outburst of tricolour ribbons or blue, white and red flowers worn by Parisians. Rather nettled and puzzled by this, the Germans have instructed their hacks in the Paris Press to discourage it.

"La France au Travail" obediently did this. "It is in the worst possible taste," stated this organ. "We are all suffering from the same misery and are all French. Nobody needs to exhibit the national colours on his person to prove this."

In a word, the Germans are content so long as misery is dis-

**FLIGHT
HOME
AFTER FIRE**

In an attack on the invasion bases, one of our bombers, which flew through the terrific A.A. barrage was badly hit and caught fire.

For a brief period the captain thought that his aircraft was doomed and that it would be necessary for it to be abandoned. The greater part of the damage was in the centre of the aircraft, close to the rear gunner's position.

The captain said: "The fire broke out amidstships immediately after or during the attack. I warned my crew to prepare to jump. This, however, would not have been easy for them because not only were the flames beginning to spread but thousands of rounds of ammunition were exploding."

"I urged my crew to make every effort to extinguish the fire, and 10 minutes later my wireless operator reported 'fire out.'"

The damage was so severe that it was extraordinary that the aircraft succeeded in reaching its base. Huge holes were torn in the wings, three petrol tanks were destroyed, while the interior of the fuselage and the air gunner's cockpit were almost destroyed.

**"RING O'
ROSES"
WITH
ENEMY**

"I have been playing ring o' roses with Messerschmitts" a Hurricane pilot told a surprised Intelligence officer, when he came in after a combat to make his report.

"As I was chasing a Junkers 88 at 15,000 feet several Messerschmitts 109 appeared just overhead," he said. "I saw them turn, so I left the bomber and started to turn round quickly to the right. A Messerschmitt 109 appeared to make a halfhearted dive at me and shot round in front in a climbing turn to the right. I fired bursts at him, turning inside him and firing a quarter shell. His flew off in a cloud of white smoke."

"He wobbled and turned over. Out of the corner of my eye I saw three more in line astern, apparently playing ring o' roses."

"I turned round in a right hand turn. Another Messerschmitt 109 did exactly the same thing and I dealt with him in exactly the same way. A trail of white smoke—and he went down."

played, but they fear and resent any show of courage.

For this offence "Le Figaro," published in non-occupied territory, has been suspended for one day. For no apparent reason it recently published an article by M. Francois Mauriac extolling the principles of liberty.

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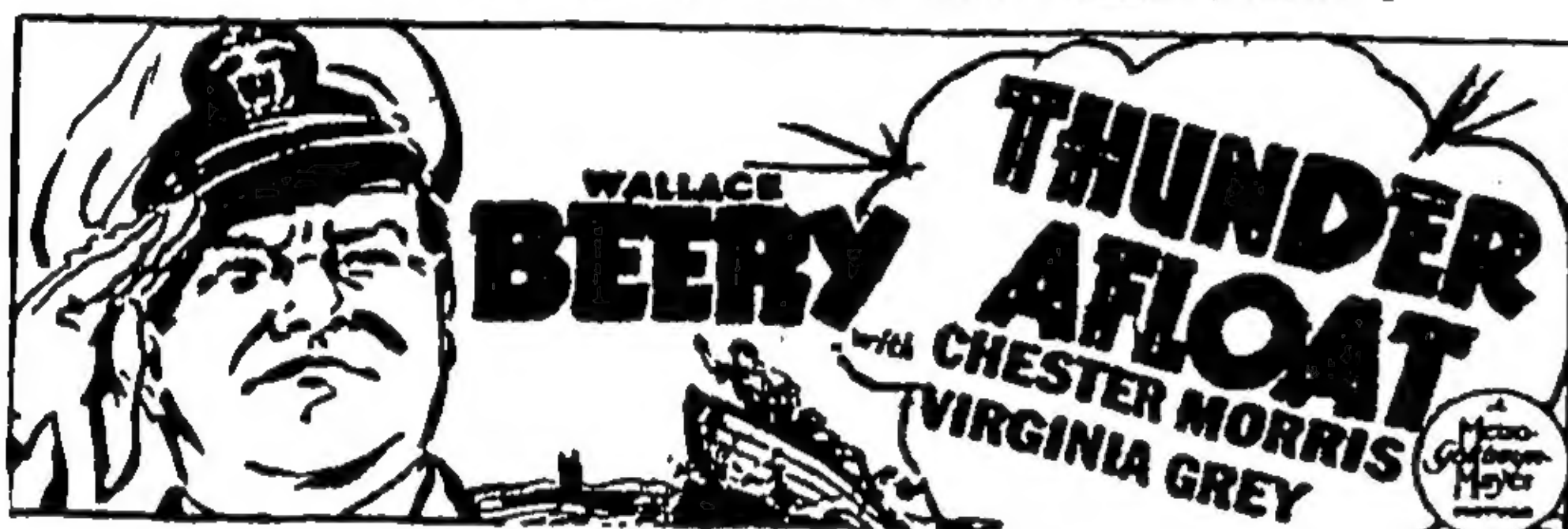
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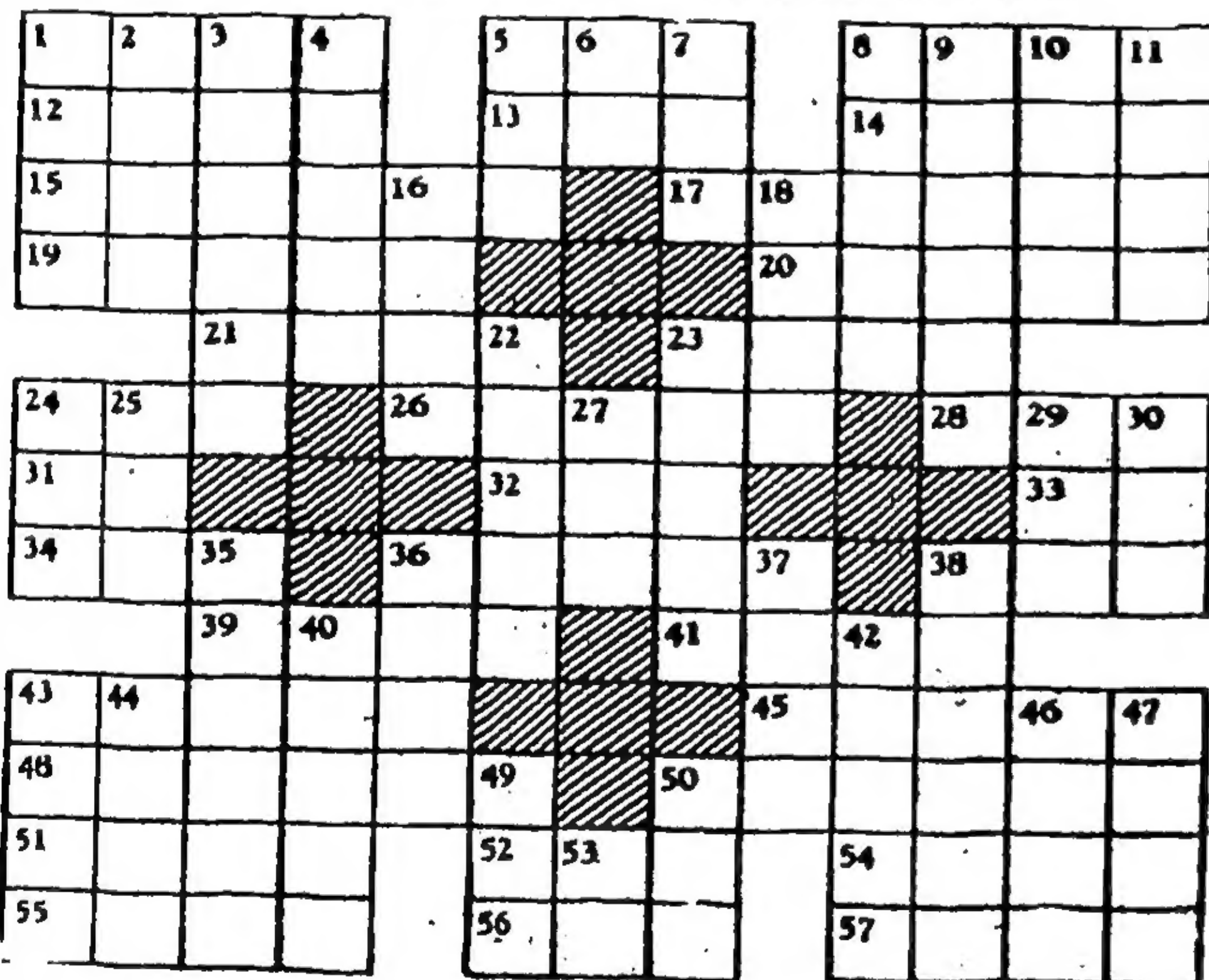
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- 7 Landed
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- 9 Ox-like
- 10 Quiet
- 11 Excavator
- 12 Shakespearean character
- 13 Abrading instrument
- 14 Female deer
- 15 To sojourn
- 16 Pigeon
- 17 Land measure
- 18 Light marriage
- 19 Hawaiian bird
- 20 Sweet potato
- 21 Capital of France
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- 24 Trial
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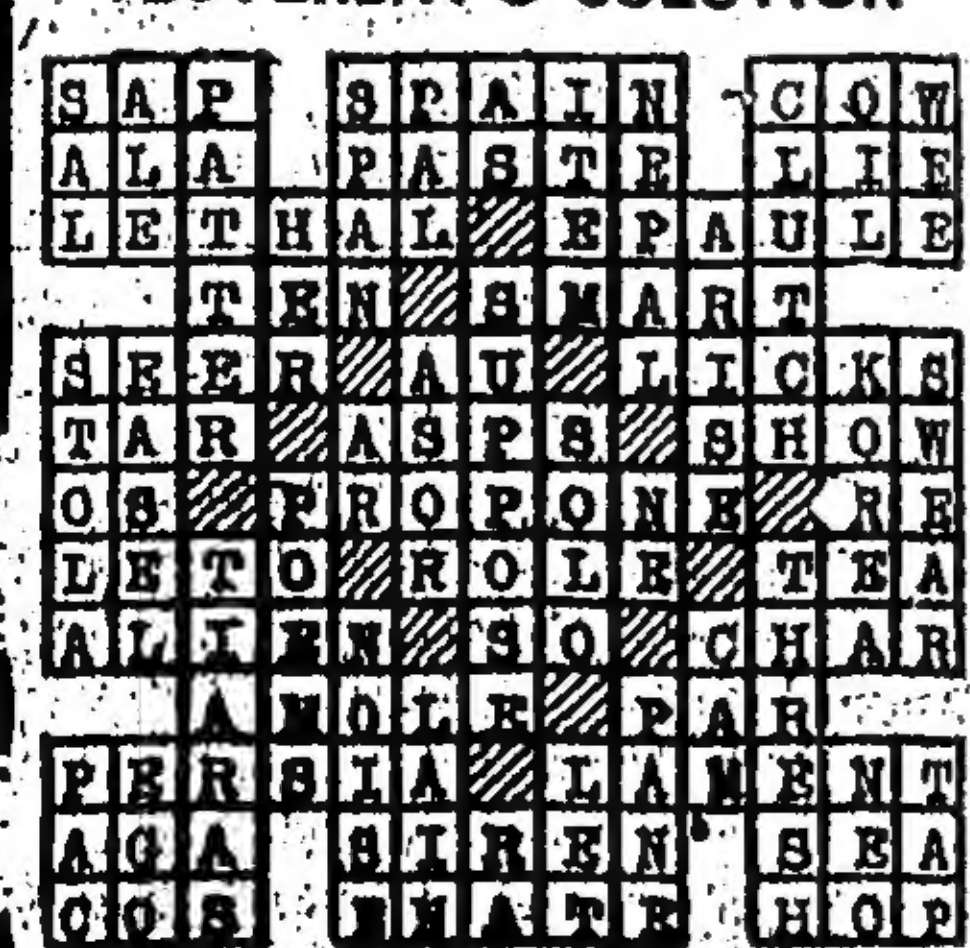
VERTICAL

- 1 Spreads for drying
- 2 Mine entrance
- 3 To insult
- 4 To anoint
- 5 Head covering
- 6 Hypothetical force
- 7 Trap
- 8 To criticise

VERTICAL

- 9 Places in rows
- 10 To sup
- 11 Roman highway
- 12 European
- 13 To leave out
- 14 Stiff
- 15 Combat
- 16 Twenty-four hours
- 17 Anglo-Saxon money
- 18 Thus
- 19 Also
- 20 Pronoun
- 21 Causing movement
- 22 Climbing plant
- 23 Period of time
- 24 Broke in pieces
- 25 Signatures of approval
- 26 To quench
- 27 Hindu woman's garment
- 28 Barren
- 29 Reward
- 30 Except
- 31 Burmese demon
- 32 To frighten
- 33 Note of scale

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DUTCH AIRMEN WITH R.A.F.

Units of the Royal Dutch Naval Air Service now cooperating with the R.A.F. Coastal Command have attacked several U-boats in the Atlantic. They have also a fine record of air combats in which Dutch tenacity has routed the enemy.

Using their own aircraft, which they flew over to Britain when Holland fell, they lost no time in beginning operations with the R.A.F.

Many of their officers and men are married, with families in Holland of whom they have heard nothing. They live for the day when they will assist in driving the invader from their country.

Meantime they are popular members of the messes they share with the R.A.F. For all purposes of Service life they live in exactly the same conditions as their R.A.F. colleagues. At one flying boat station in the West Country, all the Dutch officers speak English, most of them quite well.

Quietly cheerful, ready for any task, and unsparing of themselves in the performance of duty, they are ideal allies and trusted friends.

BRIDE SWORN TO SILENCE

An English officer's American fiancée has been sworn to silence about her wedding plans by the British authorities.

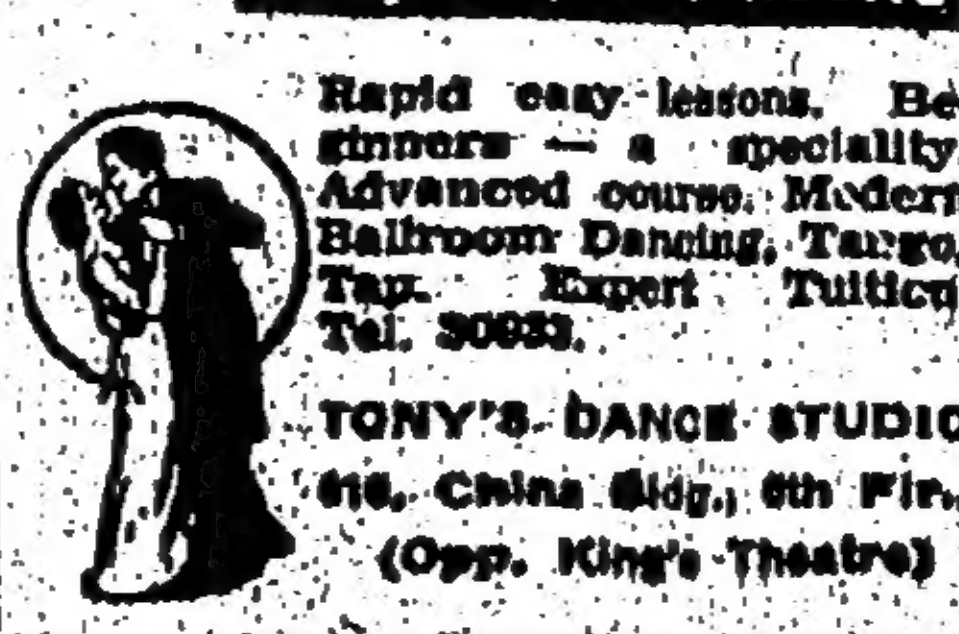
Her lover is overseas, and an indiscreet word about where he is stationed might imperil him and his men.

Hush-hush bride whose romance could betray military secrets is Miss Dorothy West, niece of Governor Leverett Saltonstall, of Massachusetts.

She is on her word of honour not to reveal, even to her relatives, the date and place of the wedding. She herself is at present unaware of her fiancé's whereabouts, because the authorities refuse to reveal it. And now she has sailed from America to an undisclosed destination to marry Captain, T. Desmond Butler, a native of Somerset, who is with his regiment somewhere in Africa.

Her sister, Miss Mary West, said in New York: "Dorothy, a fine horsewoman, met Captain Butler while hunting in Ireland five years ago. Captain Butler is thirty-five."

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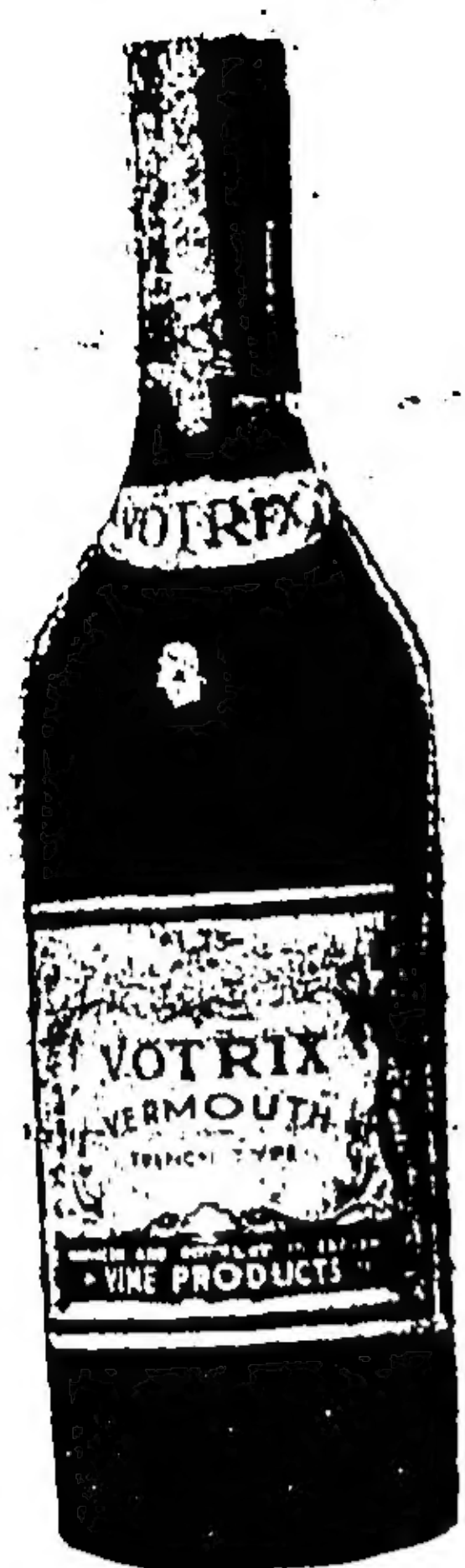
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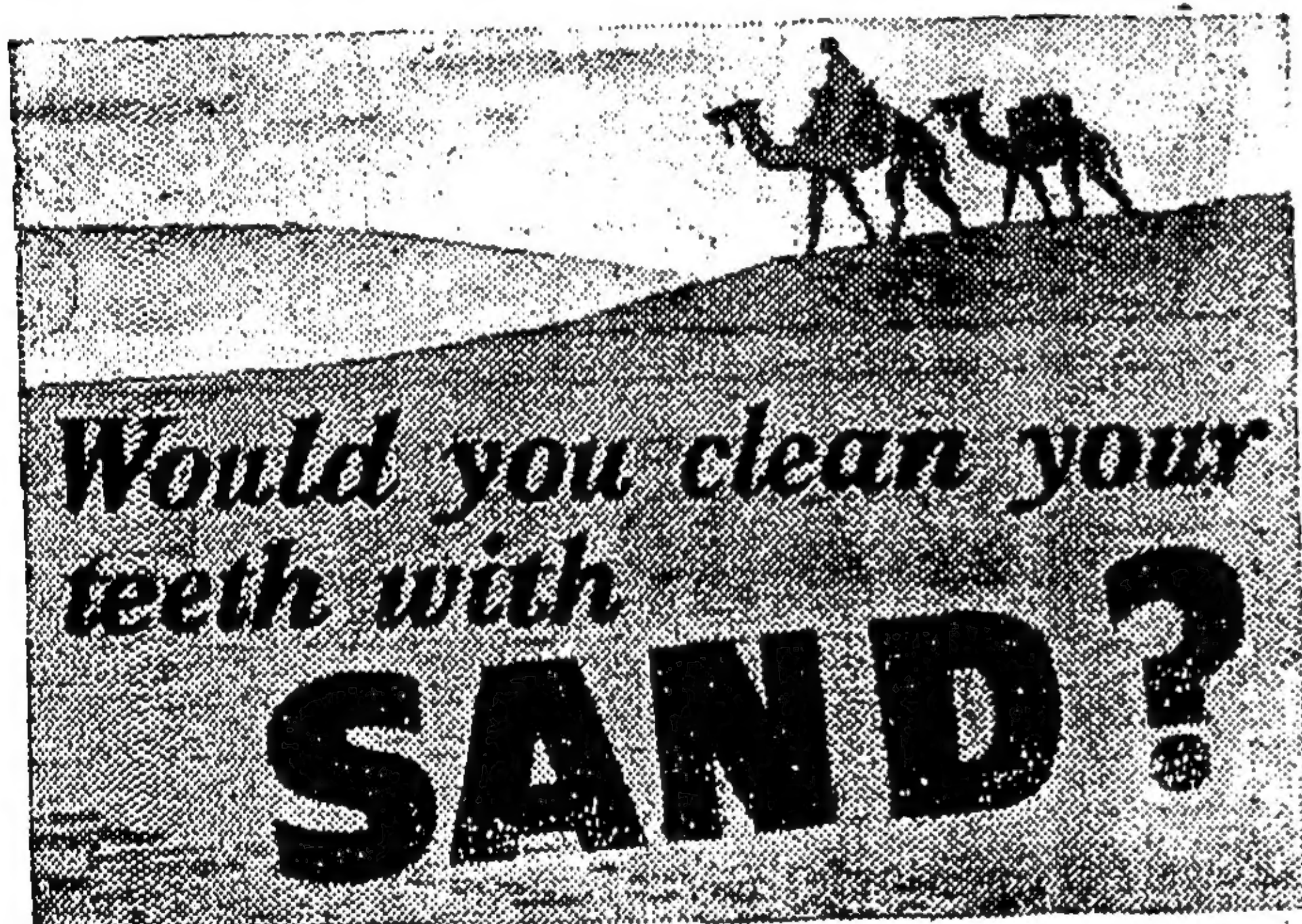
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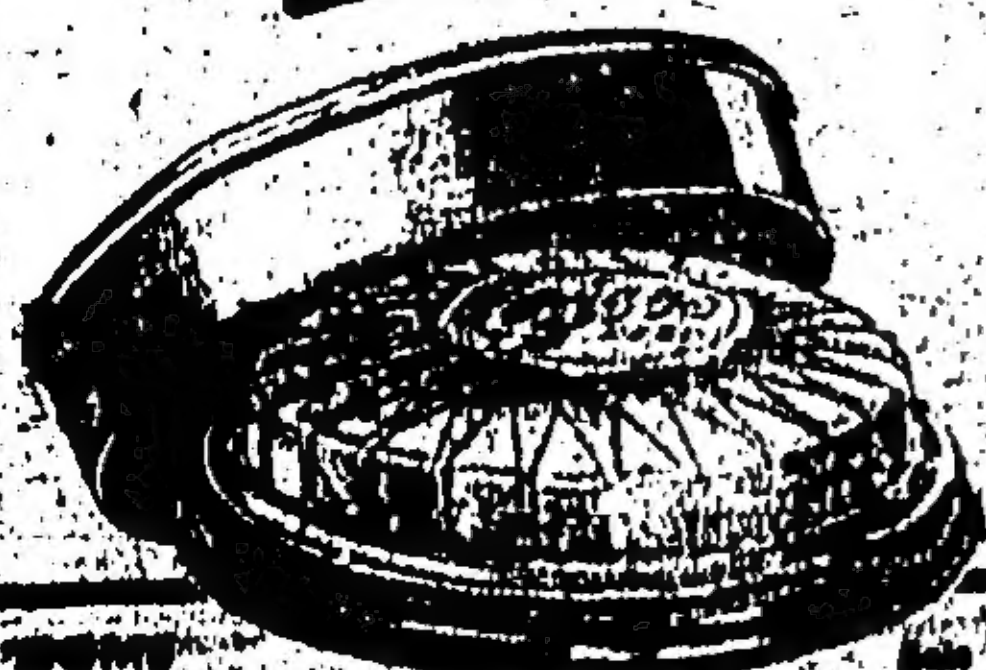
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PENZANCE EXPRESS DISASTER

RAIL CRASH SURVIVORS' STORIES

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

"MY WEDDING SUIT is ripped to bits. I have lost the cake my girl gave me. What shall I do?" These were the first words of a twenty-year-old able-seaman as he was dragged, half-unconscious, from the wreckage of a London-Penzance express, which was derailed with twenty-seven killed and fifty-nine injured.

A few hours later the seaman's fiancée was leaning over his bed in hospital where he lay with a damage shoulder and whispering, "Darling, I'll mend your suit and make you a new cake — and what is more, I am putting the banns up right now. I'm not going to lose you again."

The couple are Reg Ricardo, of Mendip Road, and Miss Peggy Lester, aged seventeen, of Locking Road East, Weston-Super-Mare.

As Peggy was seeing Reg off from Weston-Super-Mare station they suddenly decided to get married on Christmas Day. Reg laughingly said he was wearing his wedding suit already as he had on his Sunday clothes.

"I was dreaming of Peggy," said Reg, "when suddenly there was a splintering crash and I went through the floor of the carriage on my head. They cut me out only about ten minutes later with my arm fractured and my legs hurt."

"It is sheer luck I am alive at all as the carriage on either side of me was splintered to little pieces and several men were killed by my side."

A woman was found with two babies clutched to her. All three were dead.

Baby Slept On

Sailors who had been torpedoed and machine-gunned, and sent home on "survivors' leave," were the heroes of the crash.

The train was crowded with members of the Services. At least eight sailors were killed and many injured. Three women, one with her two children, were also among the dead. One woman was helped from the wreckage with her baby still asleep in her arms. "Don't make a noise," she said, "baby has slept through it all and I want him to stay sleeping."

Another woman was trapped beneath the floorboards of a coach, with a second coach in which were five men, two of whom were dead, piled on top of her.

A sailor crawled round the outside of the coaches and saw her wrist sticking out of the wreckage. Wriggling between some beams, he gripped her hand and she said: "Thank God I am alive."

"She was the pluckiest woman I have ever met," the sailor told a reporter. "It was impossible to get her out then, but I told her we would do something for her as soon as we possibly could. She never murmured or cried for help, but just said, 'That will be quite all right.' A rescue party got her out later, and I don't think she was badly hurt."

Could Not Cross River

"It was a terrible job before the first-aid parties got to us, as we could not move many of the people without proper lifting apparatus."

"All we could do was to crawl through the wreckage and light cigarettes or give them a drink of water. We fetched the water from the river just below the embankment in a fire bucket and anything else we could find."

"When we got people out on the river side of the embankment we found we could not get them clear of the line. It was impossible to wade through the river as it was too deep. I went in up to my knees to see. Eventually we forced some doors and managed to carry them out. Able Seaman D. L. Clark, of Upper Bristol Road, Weston-Super-Mare, who was lying injured in hospital, said: 'I was standing in the corridor when the crash came and the walls all caved in on top of me. Somebody dragged me out

of the wreckage and I managed to stand up."

"I had just been home on leave to see my wife and year-old son, and all I am worrying about now is that I hope they will learn soon that I am still alive."

At night three bodies remained in the wreckage. Men were standing on the engine, which had rolled over on its side down the embankment, attempting to cut a way through to the body of the fireman, who was tightly jammed in the wreckage of his cabin.

The bodies of two sailors could just be seen beneath the wreckage of another coach and further on it is believed that a civilian's body is under another of the overturned coaches.

The first six coaches of the train were smashed and one wrecked coach was flung in front of the engine.

The driver, a London man, crawled uninjured from his wrecked cabin and ran to put the nearby signals at danger.

"It Was Accident"

"The cause of the derailment is the subject of investigation which cannot be completed until the debris has been cleared from the line," said an official of the G.W.R. "It was an accident and not the result of enemy action or sabotage."

The crash occurred about 4 a.m. near the village of Norton Fitzwarren and the villagers helped the uninjured passengers in the work of rescue. The landlord of the local inn tore up all his sheets for bandages.

A naval petty officer was extricated seven hours after the accident. His leg had been amputated while he was under the wreckage.

First on the scene were Mr. F. S. Bailey and Mrs. Bailey, host and hostess of the Railway Hotel at Norton Fitzwarren.

"The real heroes were those sailors who, themselves injured, worked to help their more injured colleagues out of the wreckage," said Mr. Bailey.

MUSIC CURES CRIME

Girls sent to a south-west Home Office training school because of crime are getting a new slant on life—through music.

It is helping them to overcome their difficulties, to look forward to the time when they can go out into the world once more to make a fresh start.

Keith Hargreaves, a young socialist worker and music-lover, called to give them a recital of gramophone records.

He chose his programme carefully, making sure the music should not be too heavy. Items ranged from "Deep Purple" to part of a Brahms symphony.

After the recital came questions. Hargreaves was amazed at the interest shown by these girls in whom crime once beckoned.

They begged him to give further recitals. He agreed. The climax came when weeks later, the slow movement of the

U.S.A. "HAUGHTY CHILD"

Strong opposition to any policy of appeasing the United States is voiced by Mr. Soho Tokutomi, Japanese historian and veteran journalist, in an article in the "Nichi Nichi."

"The way for our country to be at peace with America," he declares, "is by replenishing armaments to an extent which will deter it from approaching us. We must do that. Diplomacy and negotiation come next."

Continuing, Mr. Tokutomi says, "The United States has provoked Japan a great number of times. It is no exaggeration to say 300 times. Certainly there are limits to Japan's endurance. The last five years have witnessed a succession of American acts of provocation against our country."

"High Horse"

"The United States is the haughtiest child of the world. There is a saying to the effect that the prosperity of the haughty is short-lived. I wonder how much longer America will elect to ride the high horse. There is another saying to the effect that a man who avoids being provocative can hope to be in safety."

"We do not wish to provoke. But it will be too much for us to accept provocative acts. Are the Japanese prepared to meet the worst? Whether the Americans will be on their guard or off is no matter of concern to us. The Japanese must see that they are on their guard."

So long as we are prepared, America will be hesitant about going beyond intimidating us. Should we be off our guard, be sure that America will descend upon us.

"At the time of the Shanghai incident War Secretary Henry Stimson of the United States, then Secretary of State, tried to have his country take supreme action against our country. He was prevented only by the navy which disapproved of the idea of a clash with Japan. The Japanese must be prepared for a repetition of the episode."

"We are flatly opposed to a policy of currying favour with America. Should we fawn upon America, it will be judged as a sign of weakness."—Reuter.

LEFT BODY FOR ANALYSIS

Mr. Albert John Murphy, who died last August, directed in his £117,600 will that his executors should give his body to some London school of operative surgery or otherwise have it cremated and the ashes returned to his laboratory "for a spectrum analysis so that it may be known what are the total mineral constituents of the human body."

Mr. Murphy, who lived at Wheat-hampstead House, Wheat-hampstead, Herts, was governing director of Murphy and Son Ltd.

Bethoven Moonlight sonata was played.

Hargreaves prefaced his programme with these words: "Remember, however badly you may have thought of to-day, there is always to-morrow. Don't believe the proverb, 'To-morrow never comes.'"

"Music gives you the will to look forward to something that has yet to happen. Let music influence you in how you act, in what you do."

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE OUTGUESSING THE RAIDERS

The activities of armed raiders provide a grim guessing game for everybody. But it is not so one-sided as recent attacks in the Atlantic and Pacific might seem to suggest.

On November 1, 1939, the German pocket battleship Graf Spee sank a merchantman in the Indian Ocean. A month later she sank another in the South Atlantic. Panicky people said, "See, she has Britain guessing." Thirteen days later the Graf Spee stalked a French merchantman outside the Plate. Suddenly three British cruisers pounced and the game was up.

The British guessed: 1. That a raider will not remain in an area where she has been recognised. 2. That she will strike again in some distant place to confuse searchers. 3. That she will eventually show up where merchant ships are plentiful—off Halifax where fat convoys of munitions and planes head for Britain, or off the Plate where ships loaded with South American grain and meat fan out toward England. The Graf Spee's end showed that the Navy is composed of good guessers.

The raider which sank the Jervis Bay bound from Canada may have sneaked home through the protective veil of sub-arctic storm and darkness in a furtive sweep past Iceland. She may have been counting on supplies from the German ships that attempted to slip out of Tampico. She may have been the vessel that tried the same stunt on Christmas Day and found herself faced with H.M.S. Berwick and a contest she did not relish.

Commerce raiders are a serious threat to the lines of sea communications. But there has been nothing in their occasional sorties thus far to indicate that they will be a decisive factor in the war at sea whether in the Atlantic or the Pacific. It cost the Germans some \$18,000,000 to build the Graf Spee, more than the total value of the ships and cargoes she sank before she herself was destroyed. Sea raiders inflict an intangible loss by compelling the use of many ships and much time in search, and by causing confusion among civilian populations. But it is a question whether all this will count as more than nuisance value in the final outcome of the war.

More Bliss From Ignorance

The trouble is that the fellow not only knows but insists on my knowing that he knows. He knows where the bomb fell last night, and whether it was an aerial torpedo, a land mine, or a mere midget. He knows what Hitler told Goering yesterday and what they will both be doing tomorrow. He knows, by looking at a scarcely visible speck in the sky, what type of aeroplane that

By
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is, whether bound, and on what business. He knows, by listening to buzz or a droning sound in the night, whether that is a German bomber hither come for mischief or a British bomber on a practice flight. (His ability to distinguish them is the more remarkable since an airman of experience has told me that it cannot certainly be done.) He knows, of course, as mere matter for a

parting shot, when, where, and how the war will end.

This, you may say, is not knowledge, but opinion. But it is passed to me as knowledge. At least the fellow has no doubts. What is so puzzling is the reason why he enjoys all this knowledge, sapience, information, call it what you will, and why he expects others to share his bliss. If there was a big bang last night it affords me no consolation whatever to know the exact label of the article which caused it. Recently I heard a man remark that he did not object to Germans bombing us "so long as they come clean." This struck me as possibly British and certainly odd. For my part I dislike bombs, clean or dirty, and am to wit relieved to learn of the spotless intention behind them or of their exact nature and dimensions.

That raises the whole question of ignorance in war-time, a quality or condition which I crave and covet as the happiest of possessions, while others shun disdain, and disown it by every possible means. Admittedly it is a citizen's duty to keep informed about cer-

tain things, just as it is a combatant's duty to achieve certain forms of awareness. If we are appointed roof-spotters to our office, then we must have sharp eyes, good ears, shrewd judgment, and a knowledge of aeroplane types. But if we are not roof-spotters and, owing to shortsightedness, are never likely to be, then why should we desire to have our own smattering of this specialised knowledge?

The country is full of men who, they assure you, can tell one kind of bomber from another by the noise which it makes. Is their state the more gracious? When we ignoramus (which I suggest may be the correct plural of this word) are settling down to sleep in the country and a faint, far drone is heard, becoming distinctly less faint and far, what does it profit us to know that it is a Dornier out in earnest and not a Briton out for practice? In our ignorance we can always assume that it is the Briton and go off to sleep with calm assurance, thus awakening next day fresh and vigorous instead of torpid after a night of fidgeting and worrying. Thus we are ready (let the moralising patriot note) for a good day's work. It is one of the chief merits of ignorance that it promotes an even sounder slumber than poppy, mandragora, or any syrup contrived by the quacks and sages of all time. If any fuss-pot, full of pseudo-scientific notions about sleep, should ask which sleep group you happen to be in, you can curly reply "The Happy Blockheads."

This is not counsel against taking shelter when the alarm is given. My war-time advice for those aspiring to a quiet life is to do as one is told when the teller has authority, to believe nothing when the teller has not, and never to strive after or profess unnecessary knowledge. The Ministry of Information's "Silent Column" was heavily bombarded because silence is deemed a virtue by few and is a virtue achieved by still fewer. The Ministry's idea was a good one: many of us would get on with our business better and have a happier time if we could only reconcile ourselves to a state of inarticulate ignorance concerning the strategy and technique of war. There is far less danger of the chatterbox telling Hitler what Hitler already knows than of his boring and fussing us all into a state of unendurable war-weariness.

The model citizen is one who applies his reason where it can be profitably used and does not pretend to knowledge of that which is essentially unknowable. It is as a pleasure rather than as a duty that I mainly commend ignorance in wartime. To be able honestly and bluntly to refuse all discussion as to Hitler's next step or how long the war will last is total felicity in a world where any form of felicity is scarce. To deny all knowledge of how many aeroplanes Goering has left and how many arriving and to leave those who know to settle the matter, if they can, is such a precious saving of labour when so many other things, like travel to and from work, may be so slow and exhausting.

Let me confess to immense curiosity in general. To be passionate for facts and explanations where these are obtainable is to get most fun out of life. But nothing is more tedious or depressing than to be flooded with assured knowledge about events which are both uncertain and unpleasant—that is, the course of a war. Now is the time not to look forward; let us leave strategy to the strategists and aeroplanes to the Air Force. What of the millions and civilians?

Alas! regardless of their doom. The little victims play!

Why, alas? Would they be happier if knowing what's to come? Gray corrected the error in his last line and made ignorance the blissful state. It is also, if a true, profound, all-enveloping and comfortable ignorance, a modest, secret, and a silent treasure. George Eliot said that three things could not be hidden—love, a cough, and ignorance. Nonsense. It is knowledge and the pretence to it, so common in these days, that will not hold their peace. How charming by comparison is a grand, unashamed, inarticulate, nestle, how joyous as well as prudent may be a blank refusal to answer silly questions and to discuss imponderable matters!



"We say to her: 'Friend or Foe?' and all she keeps saying is: 'Foe!'"

So This Is Hong Kong?

Sent By An Unnamed Correspondent to The Christian Science Monitor

Military preparations are being made in Hong Kong to a degree never before witnessed. Hong Kong will be defended if trouble comes with Japan, although until recently there was talk of retiring to Singapore. The Army here has been greatly inspired by the defence of Malta, Gibraltar and other empire outposts. It is apparent that the military authorities have been taking stock of the local situation all over again, and a new brand of determination is being evidenced. As regards the Navy, Hong Kong has been reduced to a bare minimum because Britain's major fleet concentration in the Far East is at Singapore.

The evacuation of British women and children from the colony has cleared the air. All male British civilians are undergoing military training, and are on call at all hours of the day and night in the event of an emergency. In short, Hong Kong is an armed camp in which normal civilian life has ceased to exist. In a whole day here one sees no more than half a dozen European women in the streets or hotels.

The great modern City of Victoria clings along the fringes of a protected harbour, and across from it is Kowloon. Huge great mountains rise 1,500 feet out of the water and look down upon ships riding at anchor, brave little China coasters and merchantmen from ports all over the world. Many Chinese junks are always plying to and fro in the harbour, and they lend to Hong Kong an atmosphere all its own. From the famous Peak above Victoria the views of Britons who have made

their fortunes in this outpost of empire look down. They are like castles in the clouds, clinging precariously to the sheer green precipices.

The main streets of Victoria run for several blocks from the waterfront to the base of the Peak. Here big tunnels are being hollowed out, a quarter of a mile or more into the heart of this great mountain. These tunnels will serve as air-raid shelters, and to some extent for the storage of munitions. The haste with which this work is being carried out intimates an impending emergency.

Military Governor

Hong Kong is under the control of a military Governor. It has also been brought more completely into the orbit of military defence by being placed under the Singapore command of the Royal Air Force, for Hong Kong is in fact within the radius of the air arm that pivots around the great fortress far to the south. Hong Kong is said to have one of the best anti-aircraft defence systems in the world.

The Peak itself and surrounding mountains are now festooned with barbed wire entanglements. The great camouflaged shore batteries, some of them 1,000 feet above the harbour, now go into operation frequently. Large guns rear their heads from concrete emplacements on the steep cliffs and pick off targets many miles at sea. Hong Kong's biggest guns, partly because of the advantage of great height, outrange those on anything except Japan's biggest super-dreadnaughts, and it is doubtful

if capital ships would be brought within firing range until Hong Kong's air force had been wiped out. The air force is small but efficient. It has underground hangars and considerable gasoline supplies.

Military authorities are working on the assumption that Hong Kong would be cut off from available assistance from Singapore in the event of a Japanese attack, except reinforcements for the Royal Air Force. The Japanese occupation of Hainan and more recently of French Indo-China gives them present control of the waters between Singapore and Hong Kong.

British troops would ultimately evacuate the New Territories on the mainland and retire to Hong Kong Island, from which they could control all approaches. Hong Kong is in this sense a sort of Gibraltar, a granite mountain from which a relatively small garrison of well-equipped troops might stand off the Japanese for months.

But even the most optimistic military appraisal would not go so far as to suggest that Hong Kong could hold out indefinitely, especially as the food problem grew more serious with protracted hostilities. But in any event Hong Kong would have great nuisance value for the Japanese, would either have to attack or leave it alone as a submarine base lying between them and their major objective further south. On the other hand, an attack on Hong Kong would divert a not inconsiderable part of the Japanese forces, and it would delay the southward campaign by weeks and perhaps months.



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A.T.S. GIRLS RESCUE RAID VICTIMS

TEARING WITH their hands at the debris, A.T.S. girls helped to free people trapped beneath shattered masonry when a high explosive bomb hit a London cinema in a night raid.

Although light streamed from the cinema through the broken wall and there was constant danger of further bombs falling, the girls insisted on helping with the rescue work.

Two more bombs fell in the district, but the girls still carried on. One pretty, fair-haired A.T.S. girl pillowed the head of a man trapped by debris. She gave him a cigarette and tried to comfort him by talking to him.

He was in pain, but he smiled at her as he said: "This is almost worth being bombed."

Not until demolition squads and ambulances arrived did the girls consent to leave. Even then they pulled broken doorways from the heaps of rubble to form stretchers for the injured.

Men who were in the cinema when the bomb fell helped to prevent a panic.

They led women into the streets and then returned to release their friends trapped beneath the debris.

Injured Helped Too

A Roman Catholic priest hurried to the cinema and helped in the rescue work. Covered with brick dust, he spoke to the men as they lay buried under masonry.

Within a few minutes of the bomb dropping most of the injured had been freed and had been taken to hospital. Some of the men who had been injured carried on, helping to free those who were still trapped, refusing to have their own injuries dressed.

Soon after the night alert in the London area, enemy planes flying at a great height dropped a number of flares over the capital. A heavy barrage of A.A. guns broke out, several of the flares were shot down, and the planes fled without waiting to drop their bombs.

A low circling plane dropped three oil bombs on one London district. One fell between large blocks of flats and started a fire which was quickly put out, but it is feared that some people were hurt.

A Dornier that was chased across a south-east coast town by a Spitfire, jettisoned its bombs, hitting a church, a cinema, and other buildings. As it fled the Dornier sprayed the promenade with cannon-gun shells.

While a Hurricane pilot attacked a Dornier bomber only 50ft. above the sea, A.A. gunners shot down a German fighter-bomber flying nearly five miles high over Dover.

After a few rounds at a white speck in the sky the battery scored a direct hit and the M.E. spiralled down in flames from 24,000ft. into the sea.

The Hurricane pilot, a sergeant, had been patrolling off the east coast when he sighted the Dornier below him, skimming over the sea.

Chasing the bomber for ten miles, the Hurricane pilot caught it up and fired several bursts at close range. When the sergeant had to make for his base, the Dornier was out over the North Sea limping for home severely damaged.

Spitfires shot down a Junkers 87 dive bomber, the first to visit Britain for six weeks, into the Thames Estuary.

Crowds Cheer

Enemy activity was mostly by fighters. Two formations entered the Portsmouth area, others headed for London, an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique stated.

Bombs were dropped at several points in the London area, in the Eastern Counties, south-east England and Lincolnshire.

Hundreds of onlookers in the streets yesterday gave cheer after cheer as two enemy planes of a formation which unsuccessfully tried to reach London went spinning to earth.

During an afternoon raid fifty enemy planes crossed the coast at Dungeness and about twenty got through to London, where they

were intercepted by our fighters. It is believed no bombs were dropped.

Italian 'Planes

Six Italian bombers are believed to have taken part in the daylight raids.

After a machine had been seen from a South-East Coast town to go spinning down out of control, an airman descending by parachute was watched by crowds of people.

The airman had baled out at a great height, and as he drifted down two planes circled round him. His machine crashed into a field near Stanford, a village, and he came down many miles away, just behind Folkestone.

A lone raider which dropped bombs over an East Anglian village is reported to have been brought down in the sea off the east coast.

SOS FROM 3 GIRLS

When the salvage campaign began, Rita Knapman, aged twelve, her five-year-old sister, and a friend, saw their chance to help in the war effort.

They borrowed an old pram, chalked on it: "Save All Your Paper to Help Your Country" and started a round of their village—Basildon, in Essex.

At every house, they collected waste paper and cardboard, carted it home, and stacked it in the back garden.

Then satisfied that they had stripped the village of its waste paper, the little girls stopped visiting.

The salvage stood ready for the dustman.

That was early this summer. Then a notice came from three disappointed little girls arrived at the "Daily Mirror" office.

"Mummy has asked the dustman every week if he would kindly take the sacks away, but he still hasn't taken them, and Daddy is going to burn it all if it isn't collected," wrote Rita.

The "Daily Mirror" immediately telephoned Mr. A. D. Cheshire, Clerk to Billericay Urban District Council, which covers Basildon.

"I'm sorry the little girls have had this trouble, I will see that it is collected immediately."

NEW MASTER

"The new order only means new master," declares the semi-official Istanbul newspaper, "Ulus," commenting on an Italian plan for European economy.

"In this plan," says the newspaper, "all the nations are subject to slavery. It is just not only to recall the greatness of ancient Rome, but also its death."

DOCTORS PROBE BY RADIO

The wireless set is the newest ally of surgery. Doctors are using them in hospitals where people injured by bomb splinters are being treated.

The surgeon has only to connect an insulated "probe" to the wireless set, "tune in," and the presence of bomb fragments in the body can be detected rapidly.

When the "probe" touches a bomb fragment in the body it produces a loud click or scratching noise in the loud-speaker, easily distinguishable from the sounds made by bone fragments, or non-metallic objects.

Dr. James S. Hall, of Victoria Infirmary, Deal, describes the procedure in the "British Medical Journal." He writes:

No Music

"Take any valve-operated wireless set to the patient, switch it on, and open out the volume control.

"If a programme is heard, tune it out, leaving the set in a sensitive condition. Connect a few feet of wire ending in an insulated probe to the aerial terminal or socket, and the apparatus is complete.

"As the noise heard is due to capacity changes in the aerial circuit of the set, touching the patient's A.R.P. badge or tie-pin would give no result, while a ring on his finger or a piece of bomb in his buttock yields a loud and distinct click; the noise in the speaker increasing with the size of the metallic object touched."



Oliver Hardy and Stan Laurel turn up as a musical duo in a horn factory, but the work is far from soothing and it causes riotously funny results which highlight the action of "Saps at Sea," now at the King's Theatre.



Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy go down to the sea for a vacation, but they take a boat that's not seaworthy, which causes a riot of laughs in "Saps At Sea," at the King's Theatre.

BRITAIN MAY HAVE TO USE HER BATTLESHIPS

THE GERMAN sea blockade may soon force the British government to alter a fundamental policy of the Royal Navy and throw battleships of the line into the risky business of convoying merchant ships.

The British almost came to that pass in the world war when, as the American Admiral Sims put it, submarine warfare had starved the British to within six weeks of surrender.

But the convoy system answered the U-boat. At first destroyers were assigned to escort vital supplies. Battleships stood by for later use. The destroyers did so well, the battleships never were used.

And so the battleships remained the backbone of the grand fleet, carried out time-honoured British policy to remain intact, wait for the supreme moment of life or death for the empire.

This time it is different.

Threat Is Greater

The submarine-raider-plane menace is a German triple threat greater to-day than in 1917, although the British public isn't aware of it yet. Here are eight reasons why:

1. The Germans have the western tip of France, saving their subs and surface raiders and 'planes hundreds of miles of risky ocean travel from home bases to convoy lanes and back.

2. The Germans as ever are perfect co-ordinators. They have blended the attack of their subs and pocket battleships and planes—and they are working them all from the same base—L'Orient, France.

3. The British gave up by their treaty with Ireland in 1938, naval bases at Lough Swilly, Berehaven and Cobh. That makes their flotillas go 200 miles to 400 miles farther for refueling and repair.

4. In the world war, the British had the help of the French, Italian, Japanese, and later the American fleets for blockade, patrol, and convoy. To-day they face the task of blockading Europe, fighting in the Mediterranean, and patrolling far eastern waters all alone.

5. At the start of the world war, the British had more than 500 destroyers. Counting the 80 old ships we sent them recently, they have no more than 200 destroyers to-day.

Only One Lane

6. Ireland's stubborn neutrality and the German conquest of France forced the British to forsake two of their convoy lanes—through the English channel to London, and through St. George's channel to the Irish sea and Liverpool. That leaves one lane around the northern tip of Ireland, on which the Germans can concentrate.

7. Nearby Scandinavia and France supplied many vital war supplies and much food to Britain during the world war. To-day the British must bring in their supplies from far-flung posts of empire, South America and the United States.

8. The British had well over 16,000,000 tons of long-range merchant shipping at the start of the world war. They had only 13,000,000 tons when this war started. Recently they've been losing 100,000 tons a week. Even with the neutral shipping they've acquired, the best estimates indicate they have only 12,000,000 tons to-day.

Two immediate solutions of the problem are possible. The first is to get the Irish bases they need so desperately for aeroplane observation. But that might mean bloodshed, since Eamon de Valera will never consent to abandon neutrality.

The other way is to convoy merchant ships with battleships. Battleships or battle cruisers can outrun and outrange Germany's pocket battleships. Battleships, or battle cruisers can withstand the withering attack of dive bombers. With destroyer screens, they have better than an even chance to escape the submarines.

Risk Still Heavy

But there's still a heavy risk, for the Germans have co-ordinated their attack. It's like this: all three weapons are used for both observation and attack. An observation plane sights British merchant vessels gathering for convoy 700 miles out. It reports back to L'Orient by radio. L'Orient sends out subs and surface raiders and a bombing squadron of planes. The surface raiders hang far out to sea, risking no trap. But their guns can outrange a destroyer convoy.

So, the question now up in the British high command is whether to risk battleships singly to protect vital war supplies. The British had fifteen battleships when the war started. They lost the Royal Oak to a submarine. Three battle cruisers, the Renown, the Repulse and the Hood, can also cope with planes, subs and surface raiders. That makes 17. But five battleships at least are in the Mediterranean. One or two more, perhaps, in the Far East. Aces in the hole are the five, 30-knot battleships, started in 1937. They are either ready for

NAZI KULTUR IN FRANCE

Systematic attempts are being made by the German authorities in Paris to stamp out French culture, according to visitors now in the United States from Switzerland and quoted by Edgar Mowrer, Washington correspondent of the Chicago "Daily News."

Three Germans, Kruess, director of the Berlin State Library, Becker and Fuchs, also librarians, he says, constitute a commission in Paris under whose orders all books felt to be contrary to the Nazi spirit are removed from public and private libraries and from bookstalls. At the same time, booksellers have been forced to display German propaganda works.

Catholic documents have also been seized, and according to Mowrer's informant the "Germans tried with physical violence to wrest Vatican correspondence from the hands of Cardinal Lienart, Archbishop of Lille."

action, or are even now with the grand fleet somewhere off northern England.

The German triple threat is halt for these battleships. But the empire lifeline's in danger. The British may have to throw 'em in—and hope for the best.

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North, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 4
♥ A K Q 10 5
♦ K Q J 3
♣ 10 5
 ♠ Q 10 5
♥ 8 4
♦ 8 6
♣ Q J 9 8
 ♠ 7
♥ J 9 6 2
♦ A 9 7 5
♣ 4 3
 ♠ K J 9 8 6 3 2
♥ 7 3
♦ 10
♣ A K 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	Pass

South took the opening club lead with the club Ace and thought first of leading out the Ace and King of trumps. If the trump Queen fell, he could finish drawing trumps and then easily take the slam with dummy's top hearts. But he saw in time that if the trump Queen failed to fall, the slam would depend on getting a very good heart break. Since, as a matter of fact, the hearts were not well distributed, South was very wise to reject this play.

The play which next occurred to South was to take the club King, ruff the low club, cash the trump Ace and then run the top hearts. If two rounds of hearts got by safely, the slam was home; for he could discard the losing diamond on the third heart and then could afford to give up a trump trick.

The only flaw in this play was the order of the tricks. There was no reason to ruff the club before cashing the Ace of trumps. So at the second trick, South led a trump to dummy's Ace and then returned a club to his own King. The next step was to ruff the low club; and when East discarded, South congratulated himself on his effective precaution. He then laid down dummy's high hearts, discarding the losing diamond on the last. West could ruff if he liked, but couldn't win another trick.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ Q 10 5

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer

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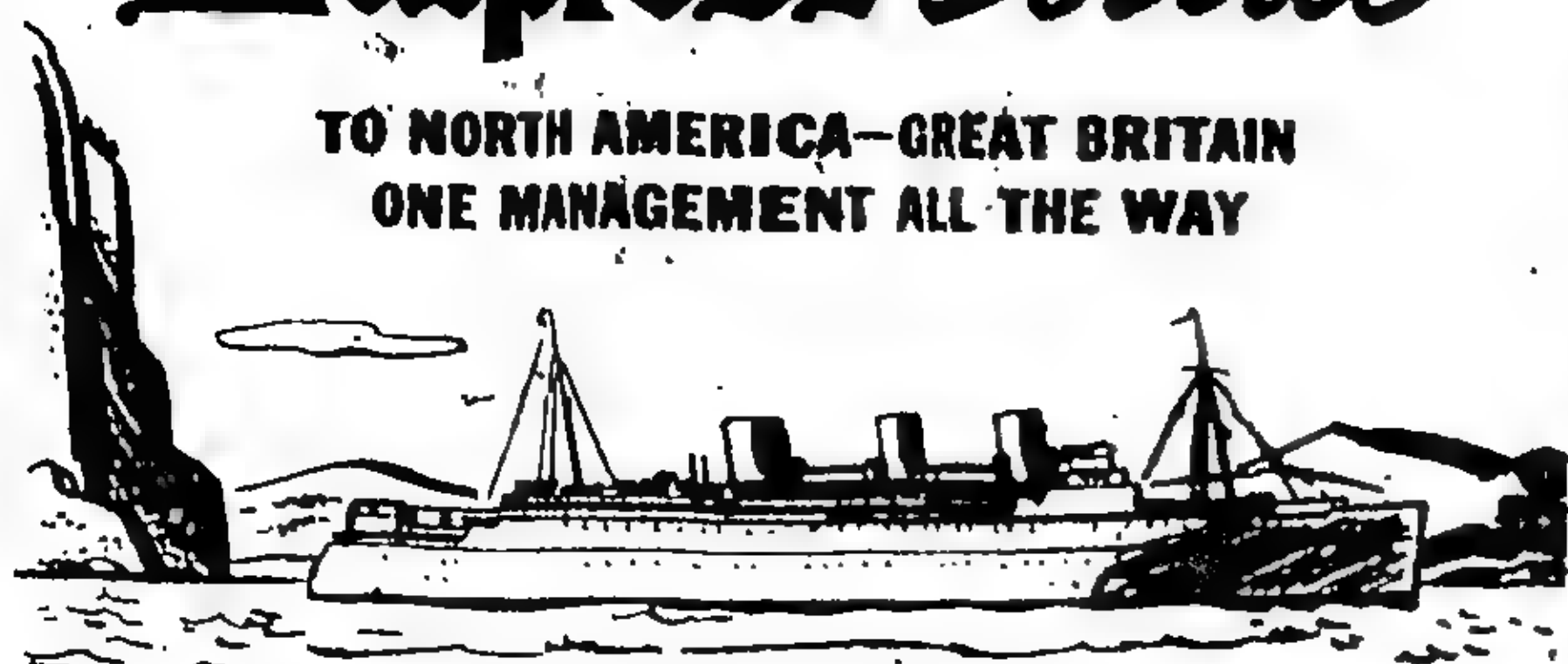
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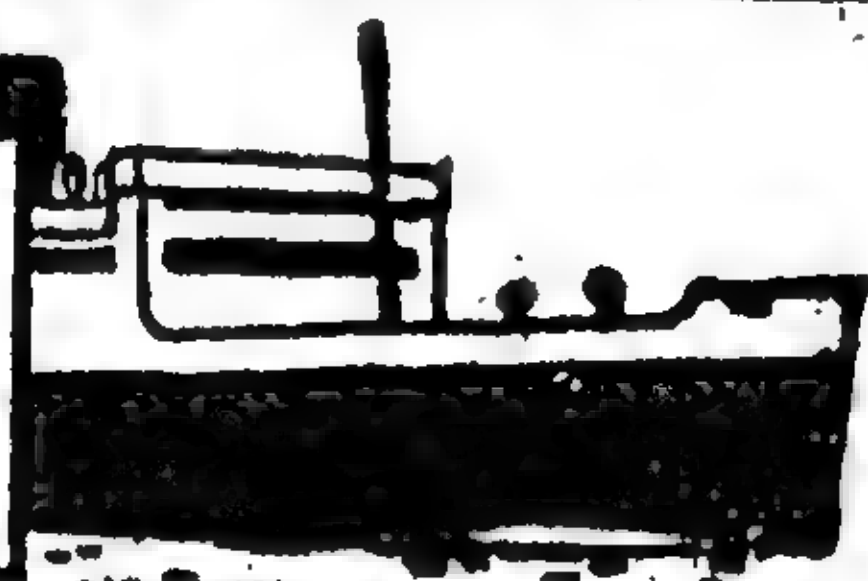
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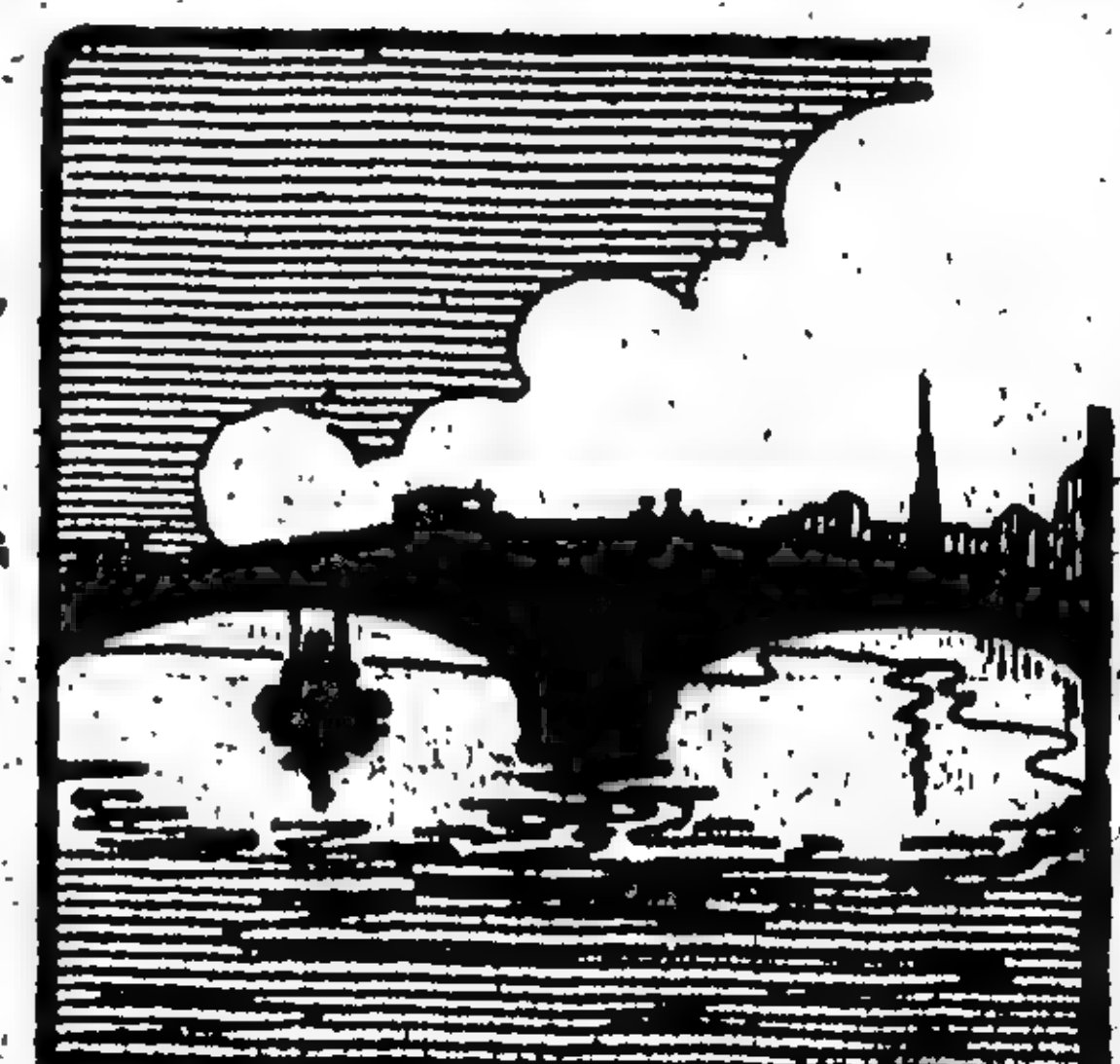
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MAGISTRATES IN Leicestershire have been asked to whip boys and girls to check juvenile crime. But they don't seem to like the idea.

"We have been erring too much on the side of sentimentality, and instead of probation many of these offenders should have been birched," says Mr. Victor Pachin, of Barkby Hall, Leicestershire, chairman of the probation committee of the county.

His committee, which comprises half a dozen magistrates, has circularised the rest of the magistrates pointing out the increase in juvenile crime in the county.

The circular reminded the magistrates of their powers to order whipping and asked them to consider these powers to stop crime waves.

The probation committee were unanimous in their decision to issue the circular, but their request has so far met with little response.

Alderman J. W. West, of Coalville, told a reporter: "We did consider ordering the birch in one or two cases, but we have not done so yet."

"Before the Act was passed the House of Lords three times inserted the birching clause and twice the House of Commons knocked it out."

"At the third time the House of Commons considered that other useful provisions in the Bill might be jeopardised, and they allowed the birching clause to remain."

"Sneer At Probation"

"Magistrates have been considering this new request to order whipping in the light of that Parliamentary attitude."

Mr. Pachin said: "The work of probation officers is increasing to such an extent that it makes one wonder if the system of probation has failed."

"It is possible that we shall have to revert to taking note of the old adage. Spare the rod and spoil the child."

"In many cases children now sneer at probation. They some-

times commit an offence while on probation in the knowledge that all that will happen to them is that their period of probation will be extended.

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Louis Takes Six Rounds To Deal With Al McCoy

Loser's Speed Keeps Him Out Of Danger

Recent Fight For World Title

JOE LOUIS retained his world heavyweight championship by scoring a technical knockout over Al McCoy in the sixth round of a fifteen-round bout in Boston on December 16.

None of the sports scribes gave McCoy the slightest chance of victory. But they were clearly surprised by the fact that the husky heavyweight lasted as long as he did against the deadly-hitting negro.

McCoy was somewhat of a frightened human punching bag, but he stunted the spectators by lasting five full rounds.

knockout, for Al failed to answer the bell for the sixth.

A smashing right to the kidneys floored Al in the fifth but he rose upon the count of one. His left eye, however, was closed so badly that he was unable to see clearly. Although he weathered the rest of the round he did not come back for the next round.—United Press.

McCoy An Elusive One

The spectators paid their money to see Louis in the role of the perfect executioner who would waste no time in chopping down his foe. But they failed to see him as an elusive target.

McCoy's speed, his nimble feet and his bobbing and weaving tactics enabled him to evade the storm of suffering a speedy, outright knockout.

The only time that Louis landed one of its deadly blows with full force, McCoy crumbled to the canvas. That was in the fifth round and it led to the technical

LOUIS TO MEET COUN

Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis has signed to defend his title against Billy Conn of Pittsburgh, it was announced recently in New York. The bout will be held in June. Conn, who is king of the light-heavyweights, has been campaigning in the heavyweight division in recent months.—United Press.



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BOXER RECEIVES AWARD

Henry Armstrong, the muscular negro who once held three world boxing titles simultaneously—the only man in history to achieve such a feat—and who recently lost his sole remaining championship, was recently given the Edward J. Neil award for being the outstanding contributor to boxing during the year.

The "Hurricane" was given the coveted award after the Boxing Writers' Association had voted him the outstanding figure in boxing for the past year.

Title Lost

Armstrong, who a couple of years ago held the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight championships simultaneously, recently lost the 147-pound title to Fritz Zivic.

The Boxing Writers' Association also recognised Little Dado, Filipino scrapper, as the world flyweight champion, with another Filipino, Little Pancho, and Manuel Ortiz as the leading challengers. Little Dado also is recognised as the champion by the National Boxing Association.

The boxing scribes also ruled that Harry Jeffra is the featherweight titleholder—a decision approved in New York and the majority of states—and rated young Billy Conn, light-heavyweight champion, and Max Baer, former world heavyweight titleholder, as the leading challengers in the division presided by Joe Louis. Baer and Conn were listed by the writers as "equal challengers."—United Press.

GREAT SALE OF THOROUGHBREDS

One of the greatest sales of thoroughbred bloodstock ever held occurred recently when the late Sir Abe Bailey's entire stock and string was sold by order of the executors and realised 42,677 guineas.

The highest individual price was 5,200 guineas for the nine-year-old stallion Tiberius which was purchased by Lord Glanely.—Reuter.

LONDON ONLY SOCCER LEAGUE MAY BE NEXT STEP

In between sirens I have found among some Soccer club officials extraordinary optimism that the sport will be able to carry on, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

That, for example, is the view of Mr. Arthur Turner, the 'Spurs' secretary. "If, as I fully believe, the raids slacken off considerably in three or four weeks we can carry on," he said. "Bigger crowds will result."

"If the public don't turn up, of course, the position will have to be reviewed."

There seems general agreement with this point of view, but another famous London manager was more pessimistic, though he did say his club would continue with another thousand each week.

David Jack's View

David Jack, who is now with a bank, believes the bigger clubs will continue, but he sees no hope for the smaller ones.

He named one club which could not pay the visitors' coach expenses.

"I visualise a league confined to London clubs only," he said. "There are too many difficulties in the way for anything on a bigger scale."

It seems in short that Soccer is safe for at least a month.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Notice Missed Putt

BY BEST BALL

The golfer who gets too exasperated with his putts, when they go past the hole, to notice the course the ball takes, is overlooking a bet. For the path the ball takes at this stage of the journey, when much of its momentum has left it, will reveal the slope of the green at this point and the amount of borrow the golfer must allow to sink the ball on the next stroke. This observation is useful on rolling greens and even on those putting surfaces which apparently have little slope. Putting demands great accuracy and no item is to be overlooked which will help the golfer in his performance.

While this process is largely advocated for those long rolling putts which are designed to reach the hole and not fall short of it, it is also useful on short shots just off the green. Such shots are designed to place the golfer in a position to hole out in one stroke. The golfer can enhance his chances for success by partially determining its returning course in advance.

Next Article: Correct Body Time.

Marshall Leong, St. Mary's Chinese sophomore full-back, sells medicine herbs to help finance his schooling.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following is this week-end's football programme.

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v Eastern (Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)
South China v Middlesex (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kowloon v 30th R.A. (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
South China v Ordnance (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Service Corps v Navy (Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Club v Kit Chee (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Middlesex (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Engineers v International (Military, 4.00 p.m.)
Signals v 20th R.A. (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
24th R.A. v 36th R.A. (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
35th R.A. v 12th R.A. (Stanley, 2.30 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

Kwong Wah v R. Scots (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)
Navy v Sing Tao (Causeway Bay, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v Engineers (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
R. Scots v Police (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

7th R.A. v Shell (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
A.S.A. v Air Force (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

K.C.C. TEAMS

Kowloon have picked a strong team to meet Indians in the first junior League cricket match at Sookunpoo on Saturday. The team is—S. A. Gray (captain), R. Baldwin, G. A. Goodban, F. Goodwin, W. W. Parson, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, L. R. Burch, W. L. Rapley, E. Curtis, H. Brokenshire, Umpire, R. Leigh, Scorer, J. W. Bertram.

At Kowloon, Reclero will meet the senior team at home in a friendly game. Kowloon's team is—E. C. Fincher (captain), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, D. Hunz, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, E. F. Fincher, F. J. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, R. T. Broadbridge, Umpire, J. P. Robinson, Scorer, T. W. Carr.

MAJORITY TO INDIANS

Thirty-four of the Indians' games last Summer were decided by a single run, with the Tribe winning 19.

SMALL BOYS' SOCCER

The presentation, by Mr. D. P. Lai, of trophies of the Kowloon Inter-School Small Boys' Miniature Soccer League took place at the McPherson playground, Homantin, yesterday.

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SUCCESSFUL CENTRE-FORWARD PLAY

ON HOW TO PLAY SOCCER

By "Referee"

IN FOOTBALL THE best defence is to attack. The successful centre-forward is one who knows how and when to attack throughout the game, and never knows when he is beaten. His persistency leads to ultimate victory, which comes only to those who move goalwards, shoot hard and with every chance. The thing is to attack and shoot. Make a point of shooting for goal from all angles when seeing a favourable opportunity. You will not score always; but, maybe, your shot at an awkward angle will hit the upright or the crossbar and from the rebound one of the inside-forwards will score a goal.

A centre-forward has to lead the attack to co-ordinate the attacking efforts of others, either inside-forwards or half-backs. He is looked upon by his team, and the crowd watching the game, as the pivot on which goal-scoring depends. This responsibility cannot rest light upon the shoulders of any player wishing to become a successful leader. Not only is it necessary to be quick-witted, but one must show intelligent anticipation of all the movements of the team. In the centre of the game, usually positioning in mid-field, most of the planned manoeuvres in attack end up with the ball being passed to him for re-distribution or scoring. This makes him the brains of attack, and also the target for the concentrated energies, physical and in playing craft, of the opposing defence.

Forward Must Have Weight And Speed

To retain his place in first-class football a centre-forward must have weight and speed. Being the spearhead of attack calls for strength and weight above the average to counter the buffeting received in the game. He must not be easily charged off the ball, and, above all, be sure-footed. Misplacement of the ball through faulty footwork might mean the loss of a goal.

Wing players initiate raids on to the goal, but the centre-forwards has to finish their work and turn it into goals. He has also to work with all three half-backs, especially the centre-half, who is the heavy artillery making it possible with long, ground passes, to keep up a constant attack.

The successful centre-forward, besides being the brains of the attacks, most certainly must be the heart. To be effective, his work should always carry the hallmark of inspiration, and win confidence from his fellows throughout the game. There is even another point often overlooked in the work of a centre-forward—he should possess an almost uncanny anticipation of the ultimate aim of a manoeuvre played by the rest of the team. In short, he has intuitively to know and pre-judge the cooperative mind of the rest of the team. Lacking this gift he will never be a great centre-forward.

Must Understand Contemporaries' Play

Especially should he know the mind of his inside-forwards and centre half-back. With this trio he creates movements which consolidate the attack. Anticipating the movements of the individual players is no easy task, and if a player lacks this intuitive gift, then let him study hard the various traits of his comrades so that every time they have the ball he knows by their foot-craft exactly what they intend doing with it, and position to receive it. A crack centre-forward watches the feet of his inside men and tells by the angle they pass the ball where to position almost to a yard. This is more than intelligent anticipation; it is knowledge gained through the judgment of intuitive experience.

Not the least important part of the equipment of a centre-forward is self-control. This seems to have little to do with the science of football, yet it has a great deal to do with the winning of matches. Self-control in a centre-forward is imperative, especially as he is the leader of the game. I don't mean self-control of one's temper, that should be understood and practised by every player, but self-control in the face of the many temptations to leave his position for what appears to be a better one, and purposely made for him by the opposing defence.

Prey Of The Off-Side Rule

This is a trap, either to place him offside, or to snare him away from a point when he could

initiate a dangerous movement. Many times a good chance has been thrown away by a centre-forward who will position too far up the field and in so doing become the easy prey of an exploited "off-side rule." This lack of control is very disheartening to the team as a whole, especially to the wing men who have manoeuvred an opening for him to break through, and which is spoiled by faulty positioning.

A centre-forward has also to remember he is expected to be the leader of the attack and the getter of goals. Both his team, and the crowd, expect him to win the game, and this mental attitude towards him calls for more confidence and self-control on his part than from anyone else in the team. Finally a centre-forward must

PARNABY CAUTIONED

Parnaby, of Royal Scots, who was ordered off the field of play during the First Division Football game against St. Joseph's was cautioned at the meeting of the Emergency Committee held last night.

The referee E. C. Ford did not appear.

not let his enthusiastic leadership and erratic shooting at goal. The supreme test of his foot-craft is the moment when he is in a scoring position, his team's success depending upon this one chance of scoring a goal, and keeping accurate ball-control. How often have I seen centre-forwards without scoring range kick wildly in their uncontrolled excitement, skying the ball over the crossbar to the consternation of their team. Make a point of shooting along the ground. Of course, if at an awkward angle it may not be possible to do this, but at reasonable range, and unhampered by the defence, a hard ground shot will usually score if correctly placed.

(This is the last of four articles which have appeared in "The China Mail").

NO SOFT JOB

Ruth Whitmore, wife of the softball commissioner, was the only woman scorekeeper in the national softball championships at Detroit, U.S.A., recently.

LATEST FOOTBALL FIXTURES

As there will be no Interport with Shanghai this year, the League Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association met last night and arranged the programme for the vacant dates reserved for the Interport.

Following is the Chinese Holiday programme:—

January 22—Kotewall Charity Cup Competition.

January 25 and 26—Postponed League games.

January 27 Chinese New Year:—Semi-finals of the Lai Wah Cup Competition.

January 28—Kotewall Charity Cup Competition.

Japanese Swimmers For Manila

Among the passengers en route to Manila yesterday were Messrs. S. Arai, T. Honma, T. Hiregu, S. Oura and T. Honda, members of a swimming team which is to compete in Manila. Mr. K. Saito, famous Japanese swimming coach and sports writer, who recently took a team to South America on an exhibition tour is also with the team.

HARVEY WINS POOL

The Bogey Par Pool held over the Old Course at Fanling during the Christmas Holidays attracted 42 entries and was won by Major W. G. Harvey (10), one up. The Medal Round over the Old Course was won by T. Low, 82 (12) 70. There were 30 entries.

The Bogey Par Pool over the New Course attracted only 14 entries and was won by A. J. Dennis (10), one up.

The sum of \$35 from entrance fees has been donated to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund.

The Captain's Cup will be held on January 4 and 5 over the Old and New Courses. Bogey Par Pools will be held on January 11 and 12 over the New Course and on January 18 and 19 over the Old.

The first round of the Junior Championship will be held on January 19.

SATURDAY'S BOWLS

The Volunteer Sergeants' Mess will entertain Kowloon Bowling Green Club in a friendly Lawn Bowls match at Cox's Road on Saturday, at 2.45 p.m.

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"CLOSER TO WAR"

Japanese Comment On The Roosevelt Speech

RAIDS ON LIBYAN AERODROMES

The enemy's Western Desert landing grounds at Tmimi, Derna and Gazala were raided by the R.A.F. on Sunday.

Fires were started at Tmimi and dispersed aircraft were attacked, according to an R.A.F. communique in Cairo.—Reuter.

GOOD UNDERTONE IN STOCK MARKET

Although business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was only of a spasmodic character the undertone was satisfactory. Furthermore President Roosevelt's speech and the terms of the new 2½ per cent War Bonds and three per cent Savings Bonds, indicating Government's intention to adhere to a clean money policy, created a good impression. Gilt-edged were rather irregular but several industrial made headway. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY ARRIVES IN LISBON

Admiral Leahy, United States Ambassador to the Petain Gov-

More Guarded Tone By Officials

AN ASSERTION THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S POLICY IS DRIVING THE UNITED STATES CLOSER TO WAR WAS MADE YESTERDAY BY THE JAPANESE NEWSPAPER "YOMIURI SHIMBUN," COMMENTING ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH.

President Roosevelt's statement that he believed the Axis powers were not going to win the war was dismissed by the newspaper as "utterly irresponsible."

CIGARS FOR THE PREMIER

A BOX OF CIGARS HAS BEEN SENT BY THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AS A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR MR. CHURCHILL.

The box is presented by the leaders of the four political parties of the People's Council.

The inscription on the box pays tribute to Mr. Churchill's energy, doggedness and leadership.—Reuter.

Arrived at Lisbon on the United States cruiser Tuscaloosa yesterday, states the Havas agency.—Reuter.

The paper adds: "Whatever the situation may be in the coming year the responsibility must be borne partly by the United States." — Reuter.

Japan's Policy, According To Itoh

Japan does not intend to aggravate the present situation in the Pacific, provided her own existence is not gravely threatened, said Dr. Itoh, the Japanese Minister of Information, to the correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Social Demokraten" in Stockholm yesterday.

Dr. Itoh added that Japanese policy was based on alliance with the Axis directed against no nation; it merely defined the minimum demands necessary for Japan's existence.

Hope To Persuade

Dr. Itoh declared that Japan hoped to persuade the United States and Britain to sympathise with her view that each nation should play an unhindered role in her own part of the world.

In Eastern Asia, Japan's aim was reconstruction on a basis of international justice which would also promote world peace.—Reuter.

MR. SOONG RETURNING ?

It was rumoured in Chinese financial circles this morning that Mr. T. V. Soong, China's financial expert, will shortly return from America to report in detail to the Chungking Government.

It is added that he will not proceed to England, as previously predicted.

POLICE IN PISTOL BATTLE

Guided by a victimised junk master, the Police yesterday proceeded to Shatau in the New Territories and arrested five alleged robbers after an exchange of fire. One man was wounded and has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital. Seven others escaped.

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A bar to the D.F.C. is also announced in the latest list of R.A.F. awards gained by Acting Flight Lieutenant J. C. Dundas, who has destroyed at least 12 enemy aircraft and "on one occasion pursued an enemy aircraft from Winchester to Cherbourg, finally destroying it." Four D.F.C. awards include one to Squadron Leader M. V. Blake, a New Zealander. British Wireless.

BALTIC GENERALS IN RED ARMY

FORMER COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF OF THE LITHUANIAN, ESTONIAN AND LATVIAN ARMIES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED LIEUTENANT-GENERALS IN THE RED ARMY. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY.

These officers are Generals Vitkauskas, Jonson and Elavins, respectively.

Sixteen other officers of the armies of the former Baltic States have been appointed major-generals in the Red Army.

Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia were incorporated in the Soviet Union last August. — Reuter.

SOVIET AND THE WAR IN CHINA

"The fighting ability of the Chinese army has increased in the past year," declared the Soviet paper "Red Star" in Moscow yesterday.

The paper attributes this to the opening of the Burma road and the development of war industries in the south-west provinces.

Pointing out that Japan's desire for the so-called Sino-Japanese Incident has not been fulfilled, the Soviet paper foresees a continuation of the long war "exhaustive for Japan." — Reuter.

FRANKFURT TARGET BOMBED

One objective raided by British bombers in Germany on Sunday night was a military objective in the Frankfurt area, it was learned in London last night, says Reuter.

VICHY EDUCATION DECREE

Reform of school administration, aimed at eliminating "all political and local influences" from French State Schools, is introduced by a new decree in Vichy yesterday.

One of the main objects of the decree is to eliminate the influence of teachers who were members of the formerly influential Teachers' Trade Union.

In future teachers' representatives on departmental school councils will be appointed by the Minister of Education. — Reuter.

VICHY FOOD PROBLEM

THE VICHY GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL RESEARCH BUREAU TO DEAL WITH THE URGENT PROBLEM OF FOOD SUPPLIES, STATES THE HAVAS AGENCY.

It will be under the direction of the Inspector-general of food supplies and will work in conjunction with the scientific committee studying products to remedy malnutrition. — Reuter.

ISOLATED DAYLIGHT RAIDS

During daylight yesterday, it is officially stated, bombs were dropped by single enemy aircraft at one point in East Anglia and in Kent. Damage done was slight and casualties were few. — British Wireless.

BIAS BAY REPORT

Chinese press reports this morning stated that an aircraft carrier and several destroyers arrived in Bias Bay yesterday.

These reports, however, are not confirmed by usually well-informed quarters. — Reuter.

Full Agreement With President's Central Thesis

"BY BLUNTLY ANNOUNCING THAT HE REGARDS THE GERMAN-ITALIAN-JAPANESE PACT AS DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT PUT ALL THREE COUNTRIES ON NOTICE THAT HE REGARDS THEM AS POTENTIAL IF NOT ACTUAL ENEMIES."

This sentence is contained in a "New York Times" editorial on President Roosevelt's talk in which it was also stated that the overwhelming majority of the country would agree whole-heartedly with the President's central thesis that a victory of the Axis powers would mean a "new and terrible era."

The "New York Herald-Tribune" describes the address as "a high call to action" and says that the President's aim to see facts as they are is the one guiding aim of all those who have been urging the American people to send aid to Britain.

President Pleased

President Roosevelt was greatly pleased at the reaction to his speech.

The address brought a greater response than any previous Roosevelt talk, said his Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, making this announcement at a Washington press conference yesterday.

Messages, he added, were 100 to one in favour of the policy enunciated in the talk.

LYONS USES D.N.B. VERSION

Lyons radio last night treated President Roosevelt's speech with great care.

Comment was that the speech was "as important as had been expected," and that the intensity of the statement that nothing would stop American aid to Britain "goes beyond the limits of official style and is certain to arouse passionate comment all over the world."

Excerpts of the speech were quoted by Lyons radio but quotations were remarkable for the fact that the many references to the National Socialists and their policies were omitted; the summary given was that issued by the German official news agency. — Reuter.

GERMAN FIRE RAID VERSION

"Streets and factories" were mentioned as military objectives by the German radio yesterday, commenting on Sunday night's air raid on London.

The announcer said that "as visibility was good important successes were obtained."

Many huge fires were stated to have been caused and an uninterrupted series of explosions, said the announcer, could be heard all over the city.

He added that although the attack was only of short duration it was pressed home by strong formations and "came as a surprise so that the Luftwaffe sustained no losses." — Reuter.

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Ominous Quiet In Berlin's Political Atmosphere

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These are in the original packets and cartons and marked at pre-tax prices. There is nothing to indicate that they are fresh stock. But the chemist must charge the extra money entailed by the tax, with the result that customers are accusing them of selling existing stock with the purchase tax added to the cost.

"The fresh stock should be marked in some way," one London chemist told.

"I have had a great deal of trouble explaining the position to some of my customers. They see the article marked 1s. 3d. and find they have to pay 1s. 5d. for it."

"I now have to leave the goods in the boxes they arrive in, and show people the invoices to prove I am not selling existing stock."

Nazis Not Amused By The Roosevelt Speech

WHILE THE UNITED STATES and Britain welcome President Roosevelt's great speech, the Axis Powers did not find it quite so palatable, Germany itself is carefully avoiding all discussion on the speech or any mention of it to the German people.

The junior partners of the Axis are a little less reserved, Signor Gayda (Mussolini's pet mouth-piece) threatening the United States, while Japanese circles intimate that they regard his statement of policy as being one of continued American help to Free China.

A Columbia Broadcasting Corporation summed up early American press reactions as being that America is now facing the battle of defence.

Senate circles were reported to have given the speech considerable praise.

In Buenos Aires and Mexico City, the speech was welcomed as a plain statement that America stands by democracy.

In New Zealand, Mr. Fraser, the Prime Minister, said that the tide which has now turned in our favour will carry us to a battlefield of our own choosing and the decisive blow for which we are preparing.

He quoted President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill on democracy and said that his people were proud at being able to help in the battle to save not only New Zealand and the Empire but mankind itself.

Indictment Of Nazism

Authoritative London circles say that the speech is further proof of the realism of the American attitude to the dangers to democracy.

President Roosevelt's speech is one of the most powerful and logical indictments of Nazism ever made, they state, and his reference to the futility of appeasement is noted with special satisfaction.

His statement that the United States must become the "arsenal of democracy" and his assertion that the aggressors will be ultimately defeated will be a source of inspiration and courage to Britain.

In Germany, President Roosevelt's speech is hidden from the people, and there is no official reaction.

A Wilhelmstrasse spokesman said that he could make no statement.

Ominous Quiet

The Berlin correspondent of the Swiss paper "Basler Nachrichten" says that the German press, for the time being, has called off the campaign warning President Roosevelt not to intensify American aid to Britain.

"There is an ominous quiet in the political atmosphere of Berlin," he reports.

Italian political circles assume indifference, and say they find nothing to worry about in the call for increased help for Britain. Nevertheless, Signor Gayda warns President Roosevelt that "Axis tolerance is limited."

Writing in the "Giornale d'Italia," Signor Gayda calls the speech a "statement of undeclared war." The Axis Powers (he says) will not strike back at the United States unless she tries to interfere with the counter-blockade or cedes to Britain German and Italian ships tied up in American ports.

The Tokyo reaction is reported to be that the speech is regarded as a commitment of further American aid to China. — Reuter.

NO RESPITE IN AIR FOR ITALIANS

The R.A.F. are giving Italy no respite in the Mediterranean theatres of war. Valona, chief enemy port in southern Albania, was attacked for the 21st and 22nd time by British bombers, states an R.A.F. Middle East communique, which adds:

During the first raid bombs were seen to explode among transport and troops moving on a road near a jetty and a large warehouse was set on fire.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire was experienced and enemy fighters intercepted, resulting in an engagement lasting 15 minutes.

One of our aircraft was shot down and two members of the crew were seen making parachute descents.

The second raid was carried out in bad weather but direct hits were registered on a road leading to the north jetty. Buildings were hit and a number of bombs were observed to burst between motor transport parks and military stores.

Two cargo boats, a merchant ship and a cruiser were machine-gunned.

On the return flight a formation of enemy bombers was seen and fired at but the enemy escaped in cloud cover before results were observed.

British fighters in the Western Desert continued offensive patrols but no contact was made with enemy aircraft.

In Italian East Africa a raid was carried out on motor transport repair workshops near Dessie. — British Wireless.

So the landlord who paid 8s. 6d. for his property can go on drawing 7s. 6d. a week rent for it for the duration.

GREEKS TAKE FORTIFIED POSITIONS

"Fortified positions to the west of Pogradetz have been wrenched from the enemy and despite bad weather action has yielded good results all along the front," stated Athens radio last night.

The broadcast, was quoting a communique by the Greek Press Ministry.—Reuter.

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Nazis' Flagrantly Indiscriminate "Fire Raid"

JAPANESE RAZE 64 VILLAGES

Sixty-four villages were razed by the Japanese in their recent invasion of Shehsien, north Honan. About 4,300 villagers lost their lives. —Central News.

FLIGHT HOME AFTER FIRE

In an attack on the invasion bases, one of our bombers, which flew through the terrific A.A. barrage was badly hit and caught fire.

For a brief period the captain thought that his aircraft was doomed and that it would be necessary for it to be abandoned. The greater part of the damage was in the centre of the aircraft, close to the rear gunner's position.

The captain said: "The fire broke out amidships immediately after or during the attack. I warned my crew to prepare to jump. This, however, would not have been easy for them because not only were the flames beginning to spread but thousands of rounds of ammunition were exploding.

"I urged my crew to make every effort to extinguish the fire, and 10 minutes later my wireless operator reported 'fire out'."

The damage was so severe that it was extraordinary that the air-

IN SUNDAY NIGHT'S flagrantly indiscriminate attack on London, states an official communique, there was nowhere any attempt to single out targets of military importance, and some of the city's most historic buildings were destroyed or seriously damaged.

Much of this damage was seen by the Prime Minister and Mrs. Churchill when they visited the scene yesterday. When their presence became known they were accompanied by a great crowd of cheering Londoners.

"Good old Winston! Give it them back and remember we can take what we have had and much more," was the message given by City workers.

Firemen perched on roofs and grimy demolition squads rested from their labours to cheer Mr and Mrs. Churchill.

No fewer than six famous churches were fired. The ancient Hall of the Girdlers Company was wrecked. Saint Paul's Cathedral was hit by incendiary bombs but was saved by prompt use of stirrup pumps by the Cathedral staff.

Guildhall Damage

Incendiaries which fell on the roof of Guildhall were similarly extinguished but later flames from the burning Church of Saint Laurence in Old Jewry spread across a small courthouse which remained undamaged and set fire to the roof of the Guildhall, with disastrous results to the building erected between 1411 and 1435 and to the cost of which the famous Lord Mayor, Sir Richard Whittington—"Turn Again" Whittington of nursery rhyme—contributed. It was named the Guildhall because the medieval Guilds met there.—British Wireless.

craft succeeded in reaching its base. Huge holes were torn in the wings, three petrol tanks were destroyed, while the interior of the fuselage and the air gunner's cockpit were almost destroyed.

CHINA FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT ON THE OUTLOOK

"IN 1941 THE UNITED STATES will increase her assistance to China and Britain; the Neutrality and Johnson Acts cannot prevent the United States from assisting the Democracies, in fact there is a possibility that both laws will be repealed."

So declares Dr. Chang Chung-fu, well-known authority on international affairs, in a special article published in the "Central Daily News," official organ of the Government, in Chungking to-day.

Dr. Chang, who formerly was head of the political Science Department of Peiping University and is now Counsellor to the National Military Council, continues:

"Before the outbreak of war between the United States and Japan, it is possible that the former, aside from the embargo on exports to Japan and assistance to China, will control imports and increase pressure on Japan.

"Production of armaments will increase in the United States. The British rearmament programme will be completed and Britain's aircraft production may match or even excel Germany's.

"Then the European situation may take a new turn." —Reuter.



Photo shows: The German pilot, mentioned in accompanying picture, with his head bandaged, brought in by the lifeboat. (Copyright, Fox).

PART OF T.U.C. IN WAR

The great part played in the Battle for Britain by the Trades Union Congress is the subject of a review issued yesterday in London, and which shows how close and satisfactory is the collaboration between the Government and the T.U.C., which represents over 5,000,000 organised workers.

Goodwill on both sides and a united determination to defeat the Nazi menace and preserve democracy quickly swept away the initial difficulties.

The whole machinery is now working smoothly.

The T.U.C. is playing an increasingly important part in other spheres as well.

For instance, more canteens provided by the Unions for air-raid relief work have been inspected by the King at Buckingham Palace, while similar ones have done magnificent work in Coventry, Bristol and Birmingham.

Nearly £1,000,000 has been lent to the Government free of interest, and individual contributions in the T.U.C.'s Red Cross "Penny-a-week" scheme have already brought in thousands of pounds. —Reuter.

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A German Dornier 17 bomber was recently shot down over the South East coast by a detachment of the Somerset Light Infantry. They took one of the Spandau machine-guns and ammunition from the aircraft and mounted the gun on a high angle mounting. Two days later a Messerschmidt 109 flew over this same detachment at about 1,000 feet, and it was promptly shot down by this German gun mounted by the Somersets. It fell into the sea two miles from shore. A lifeboat was launched and picked up the pilot. Photo shows: Soldiers and civilians hauling in the lifeboat carrying the German pilot who has his head bandaged. (Copyright, Fox).

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BULGARIA'S POLICY RE-AFFIRMED

BULGARIA WILL not depart from her
avowed policy of strict neutrality, declared
M. Popoff, the Foreign Minister, in the Bul-
garian Parliament yesterday.

M. Popoff emphasised there are no cur-
rent causes requiring a change in the neu-
trality policy which has been clearly enunciated.

The statement was made dur-
ing the debate on the Budget in
which an ex-Minister had stated
that the Bulgarian people had the
right to ask the Government to
clarify its foreign policy because
they would defend Bulgaria with
money and property.

M. Popoff also referred ap-
parently to propaganda of Bul-
garian Left Wing elements
favouring closer cooperation
with Russia.

He said the Bulgarian Govern-
ment was resolutely determined
not to listen to the Right or Left
outside the National Assembly.

Soviet Changes

Meanwhile it is strongly ru-
moured in the Soviet Legation in
Sofia that changes in personnel
are imminent.

FRENCH SPIRIT REVIVING

Parisians Wear
Tricolour

Though it is too early
yet to know how far the
heartening news of the
expansion of Gen. de
Gaulle's following has
spread in France, there
are various signs that a
slow reawakening of na-
tional feeling is in pro-
gress.

The general impression to be
gathered from the controlled
Press is that the writers paid by
Germany are hoping and praying
for a rapid German victory, so
that they may be proved right
and escape from paying, sooner or
later, the penalty of their treach-
ery.

Meanwhile Gringoire, a scur-
rious weekly, which lives
on scandal and political "til-
bits," is showing caution where
Gen. de Gaulle is concerned. In
the last issue to reach London,
though the one paragraph in which
the General is mentioned is un-
pleasant in tone it speaks of the
"robust" answer which he made
to the news that he had been
sentenced to death—"We who go
on fighting are all more or less
sentenced to death, anyway."

This can only mean that
Gringoire suspects that many of
its readers have a soft spot in
their hearts for the Free France
movement. Otherwise it would
attack him as it attacks Mr.
Churchill.

Germans Nettled

M. Laval has had talks in Paris
with Otto Abetz, the official re-
presentative in France of the
German Foreign Office. This visit
coincided with, though perhaps
it did not provoke, an outburst of
tricolour ribbons or blue, white
and red flowers worn by Paris-
iennes. Rather nettled, and puzzled
by this, the Germans have in-
structed their hacks in the Paris
Press to discourage it.

"La France au Travail" obedi-
ently did this. "It is in the worst
possible taste," stated this organ.
"We are all suffering from the
same misery and are all French.
Nobody needs to exhibit the na-
tional colours on his person to
prove this."

In a word, the Germans are
content so long as misery is dis-
played, but they fear and resent
any show of courage.
For this offence "Le Figaro," pub-
lished in non-occupied territory,
has been suspended for one day.
For no apparent reason it recently
published an article by M.
Francis Mauriac extolling the
principles of liberty.

Col. Masloff, new military at-
tache, arrived recently.

In view of the recent increase
in Communist propaganda in
Bulgaria such changes are believ-
ed to be important. — Reuter.

"RING O' ROSES" WITH ENEMY

"I have been playing
ring o' roses with Messer-
schmidts" a Hurricane
pilot told a surprised In-
telligence officer, when he
came in after a combat to
make his report.

"As I was chasing a Junkers 88
at 15,000 feet several Messersch-
midts 109 appeared just over-
head," he said. "I saw them turn,
so I left the bomber and started to
turn round quickly to the right. A
Messerschmidt 109 appeared to
make a halfhearted dive at me
and shot round in front in a climb-
ing turn to the right. I fired bursts
at him, turning inside him and
firing a quarter deflection. Bi's
flew off in a cloud of white smoke.

"He wobbled and turned over.
Out of the corner of my eye I saw
three more in line astern, appar-
ently playing ring o' roses.

"I turned round in a right hand
turn. Another Messerschmidt 109
did exactly the same thing and I
dealt with him in exactly the same
way. A trail of white smoke—and
he went down."

NATIONAL SURVEY FOR SCRAP IRON

The national survey
undertaken by the
Ministry of Supply to
bring to war furnaces
all available scrap
iron is being extended to
Lancashire and
Yorkshire. Somerset
and Glamorgan have
already been survey-
ed. Scotland, London
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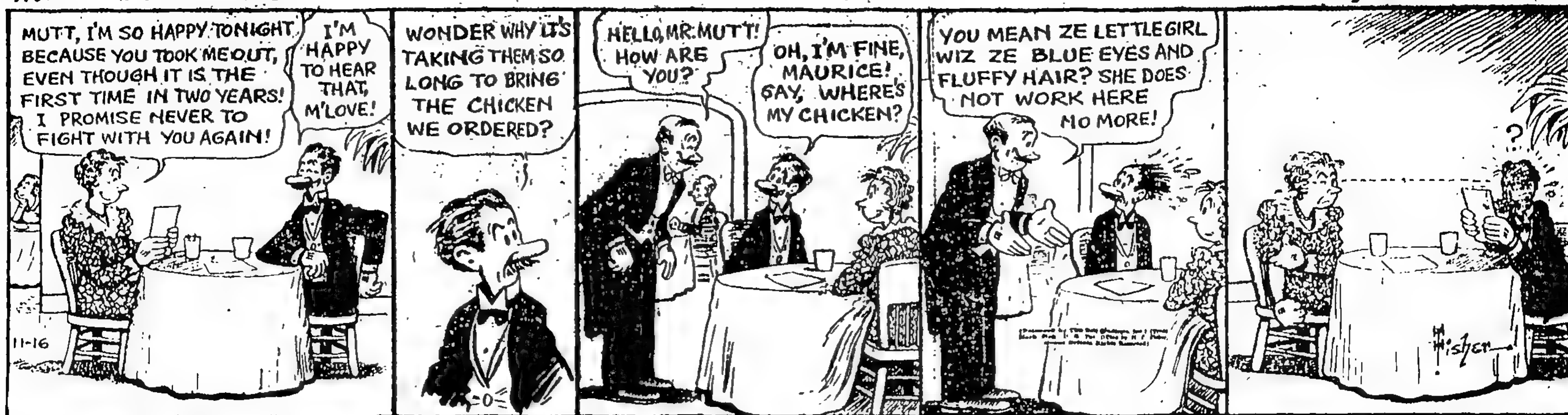


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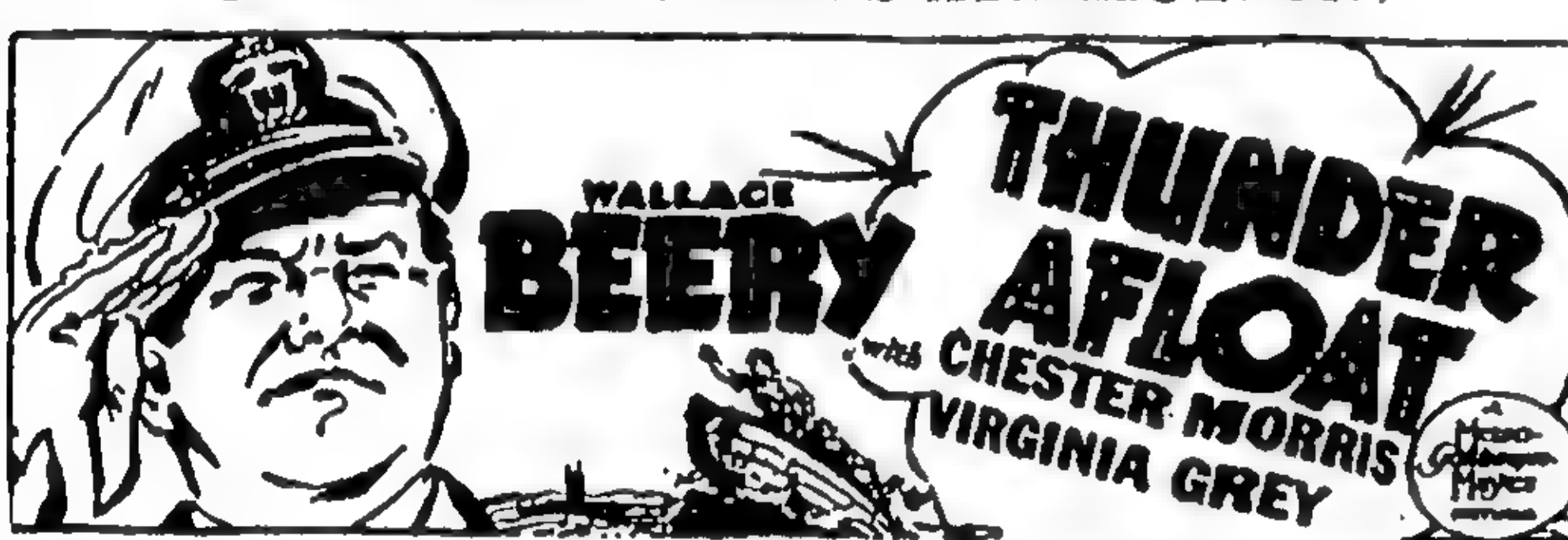
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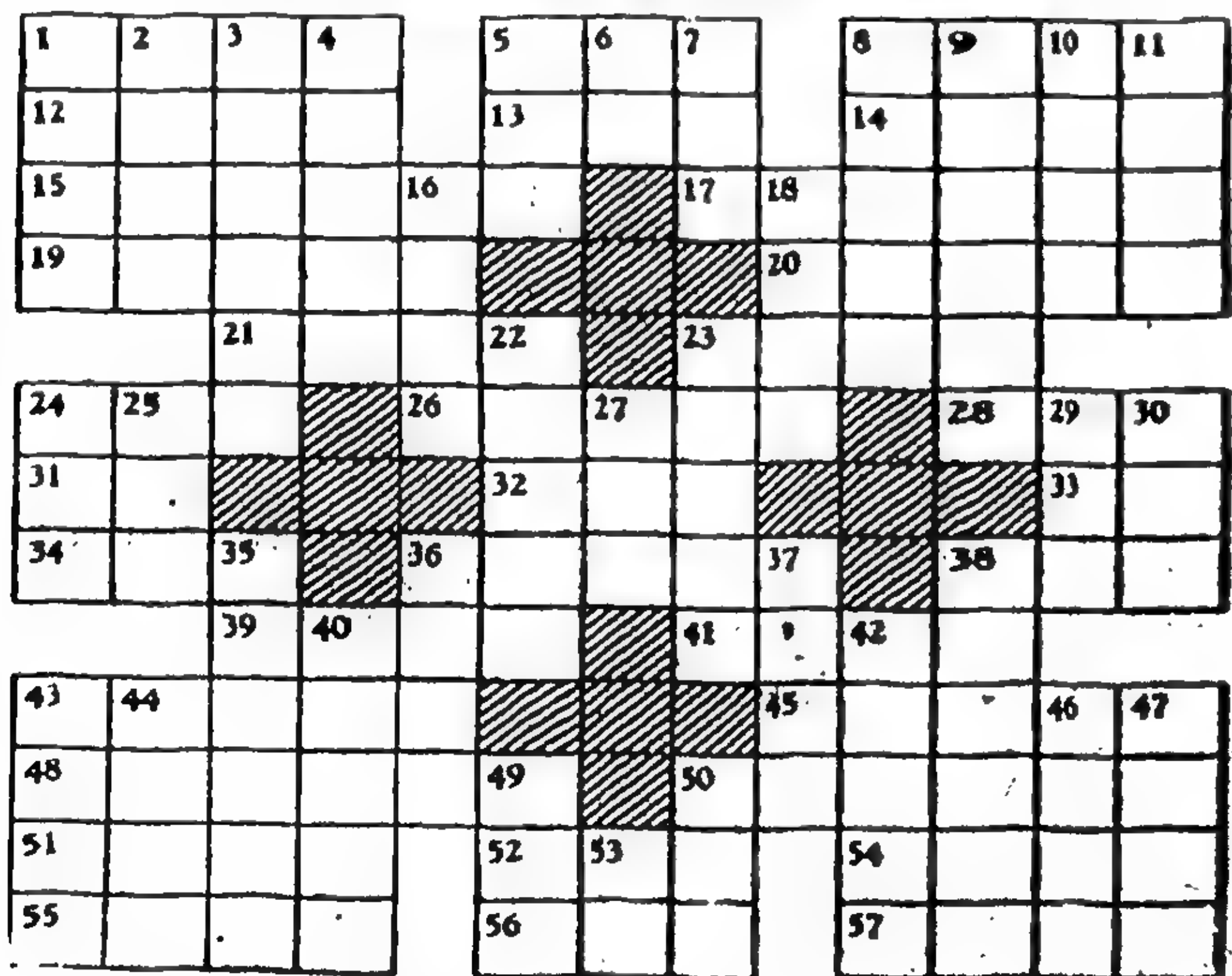


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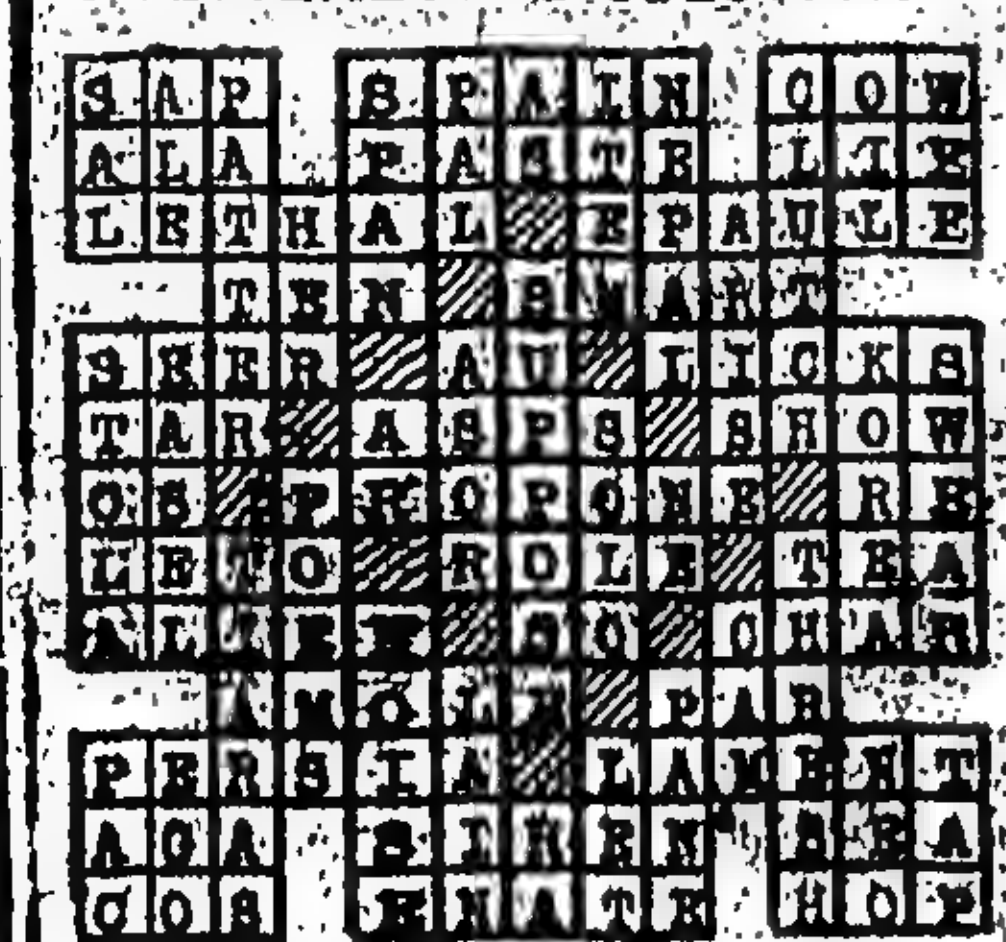
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 - 12 Biblical garden
 - 13 Fruit drink
 - 14 Landed
 - 15 To deprive
 - 17 Ox-like
 - 19 Quiet
 - 20 Excavator
 - 21 Shakespearean character
 - 22 Abrading instrument
 - 24 Female deer
 - 26 To sojourn
 - 28 Pigeon
 - 31 Land measure
 - 32 Light carriage
 - 33 Hawaiian bird
 - 34 Sweet potato
 - 36 Capital of France
 - 38 French coin
 - 39 Latin poet
 - 41 Trial
 - 43 Silk fabric

- 45 Mexican poplar
- 48 Ascended
- 50 Cowardly
- 51 Colloquial to vex
- 52 Trouble
- 54 Part of ship
- 55 Roman date
- 56 To haul
- 57 Whirlpool

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Spreads for drying
 - 3 Mine entrance
 - 3 To insult
 - 4 To appoint
 - 5 Head covering
 - 6 Hypothetical force
 - 7 Trap
 - 8 To criticize

- 9 Places in rows
- 10 To sup
- 11 Roman highway
- 16 European
- 18 To leave out
- 22 Still
- 23 Combat
- 24 Twenty-four hours
- 25 Anglo-Saxon money
- 27 Thus
- 29 Also
- 30 Proton
- 33 Causing movement
- 36 Climbing plant
- 37 Period of time
- 38 Broke in
- 40 Signatures of approval
- 42 To quench
- 43 Hindu woman's garment
- 44 Baren
- 46 Reward
- 47 Except
- 48 Bureaucratic
- 50 To frighten
- 53 Note of scale

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DUTCH AIRMEN WITH R.A.F.

Units of the Royal Dutch Naval Air Service now cooperating with the R.A.F. Coastal Command have attacked several U-boats in the Atlantic. They have also a fine record of air combats in which Dutch tenacity has routed the enemy.

Using their own aircraft, which they flew over to Britain when Holland fell, they lost no time in beginning operations with the R.A.F.

Many of their officers and men are married, with families in Holland of whom they have heard nothing. They live for the day when they will assist in driving the invader from their country.

Meantime they are popular members of the messes they share with the R.A.F. For all purposes of Service life they live in exactly the same conditions as their R.A.F. colleagues. At one flying boat station in the West Country, all the Dutch officers speak English, most of them quite well.

Quietly cheerful, ready for any task, and unsparing of themselves in the performance of duty, they are ideal allies and trusted friends.

BRIDE SWORN TO SILENCE

An English officer's American fiancée has been sworn to silence about her wedding plans by the British authorities.

Her lover is overseas, and an indiscreet word about where he is stationed might imperil him and his men.

Hush-hush bride whose romance could betray military secrets is Miss Dorothy West, niece of Governor Leverett Saltonstall, of Massachusetts.

She is on her word of honour not to reveal, even to her relatives, the date and place of the wedding.

She herself is at present unaware of her fiancée's whereabouts, because the authorities refuse to reveal it. And now she has sailed from America to an undisclosed destination to marry Captain T. Desmond Butler, a native of Somerset, who is with his regiment somewhere in Africa.

Her sister, Miss Mary West, said in New York: "Dorothy, a fine horsewoman, met Captain Butler while hunting in Ireland five years ago. Captain Butler is thirty-five.

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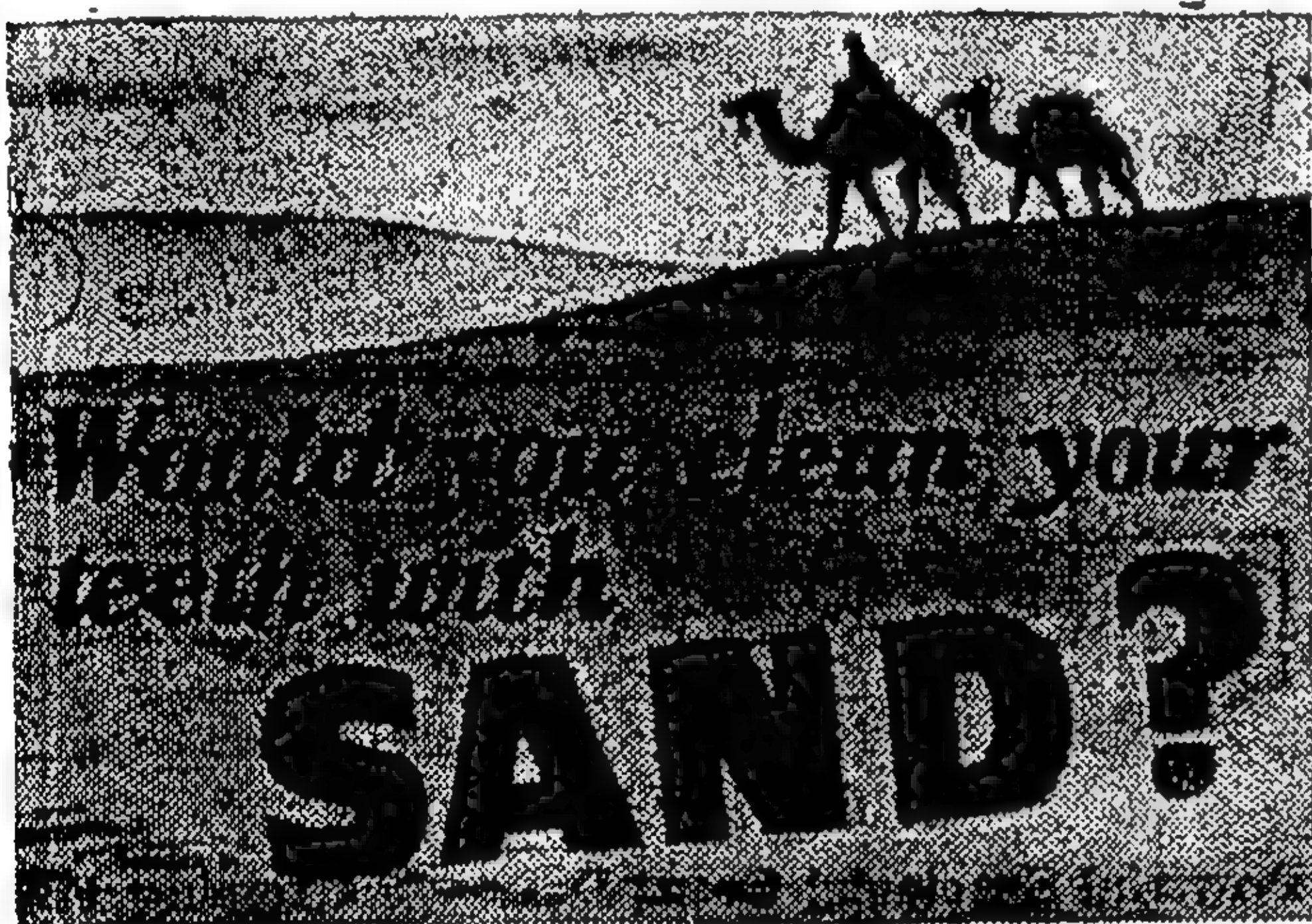
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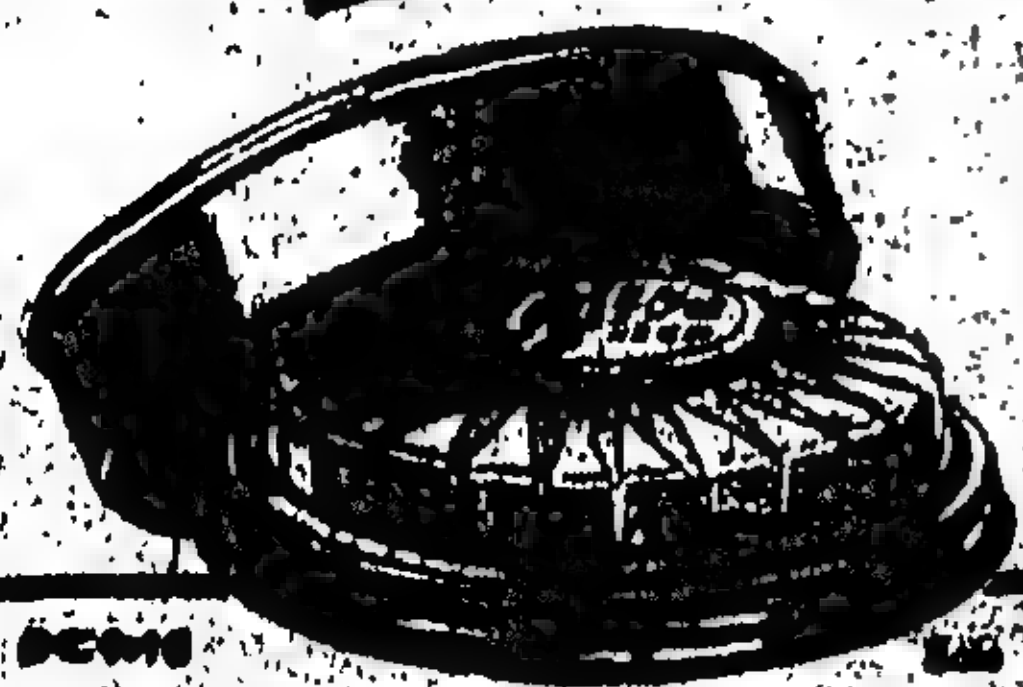
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PENZANCE EXPRESS DISASTER

RAIL CRASH SURVIVORS' STORIES

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

"MY WEDDING SUIT is ripped to bits. I have lost the cake my girl gave me. What shall I do?" These were the first words of a twenty-year-old able-seaman as he was dragged, half-unconscious, from the wreckage of a London-Penzance express, which was derailed with twenty-seven killed and fifty-nine injured.

A few hours later the seaman's fiancée was leaning over his bed in hospital where he lay with a damaged shoulder and whispering, "Darling, I'll mend your suit and make you a new cake — and what is more, I am putting the banns up right now. I'm not going to lose you again."

The couple are Reg Ricardo, of Mendip Road, and Miss Peggy Lester, aged seventeen, of Locking Road East, Weston-Super-Mare.

As Peggy was seeing Reg off from Weston-Super-Mare station they suddenly decided to get married on Christmas Day. Reg laughingly said he was wearing his wedding suit already as he had on his Sunday clothes.

"I was dreaming of Peggy," said Reg, "when suddenly there was a splintering crash and I went through the floor of the carriage on my head. They cut me out only about ten minutes later with my arm fractured and my legs hurt."

"It is sheer luck I am alive at all as the carriage on either side of me was splintered to little pieces and several men were killed by my side."

A woman was found with two babies clutched to her. All three were dead.

Baby Slept On

Sailors who had been torpedoed and machine-gunned, and sent home on "survivors' leave," were the heroes of the crash.

The train was crowded with members of the Services. At least eight sailors were killed and many injured. Three women, one with her two children, were also among the dead.

One woman was helped from the wreckage with her baby still asleep in her arms. "Don't make a noise," she said, "baby has slept through it all and I want him to stay sleeping."

Another woman was trapped beneath the floorboards of a coach, with a second coach in which were five men, two of whom were dead, piled on top of her.

A sailor crawled round the outside of the coaches and saw her wrist sticking out of the wreckage. Wriggling between some beams, he gripped her hand and she said: "Thank God I am alive."

"She was the luckiest woman I have ever met," the sailor told a reporter. "It was impossible to get her out then, but I told her we would do something for her as soon as we possibly could. She never murmured or cried for help, but just said, 'That will be quite all right.' A rescue party got her out later, and I don't think she was badly hurt."

Could Not Cross River

"It was a terrible job before the first-aid parties got to us, as we could not move many of the people without proper lifting apparatus."

"All we could do was to crawl through the wreckage and light cigarettes or give them a drink of water. We fetched the water from the river just below the embankment in a fire bucket and anything else we could find."

"When we got people out on the river side of the embankment we found we could not get them clear of the line. It was impossible to wade through the river as it was too deep. I went in up to my knees to see. Eventually we forced some doors and managed to carry them out. Able Seaman D. L. Clark, of Upper Bristol Road, Weston-Super-Mare, who was lying injured in hospital, said: 'I was standing in the corridor when the crash came and the walls all caved in on top of me. Somebody dragged me out

of the wreckage and I managed to stand up."

"I had just been home on leave to see my wife and year-old son, and all I am worrying about now is that I hope they will learn soon that I am still alive."

At night three bodies remained in the wreckage. Men were standing on the engine, which had rolled over on its side down the embankment, attempting to cut a way through to the body of the fireman, who was tightly jammed in the wreckage of his cabin.

The bodies of two sailors could just be seen beneath the wreckage of another coach and further on it is believed that a civilian's body is under another of the overturned coaches.

The first six coaches of the train were smashed and one wrecked coach was hung in front of the engine.

The driver, a London man, crawled uninjured from his wrecked cabin and ran to put the nearby signals at danger.

"It Was Accident"

"The cause of the derailment is the subject of investigation which cannot be completed until the debris has been cleared from the line," said an official of the G.W.R. "It was an accident and not the result of enemy action or sabotage."

The crash occurred about 4 a.m. near the village of Norton Fitzwarren and the villagers helped the uninjured passengers in the work of rescue. The landlord of the local inn tore up all his sheets for bandages.

A naval petty officer was extricated seven hours after the accident. His leg had been amputated while he was under the wreckage.

First on the scene were Mr. F. S. Bailey and Mrs. Bailey, host and hostess of the Railway Hotel at Norton Fitzwarren.

"The real heroes were those sailors who, themselves injured, worked to help their more injured colleagues out of the wreckage," said Mr. Bailey.

MUSIC CURES CRIME

Girls sent to a south-west Home Office training school because of crime are getting a new slant on life—through music.

It is helping them to overcome their difficulties, to look forward to the time when they can go out into the world once more to make a fresh start.

Keith Hargreaves, a young son of worker and music lover, called to give them a recital of gramophone records.

He chose his programme carefully, making sure the music should not be too heavy. Items ranged from "Deep Purple" to part of a Brahms symphony.

After the recital came questions. Hargreaves was amazed at the interest shown by these girls to whom crime once beckoned.

They begged him to give further recitals. He agreed.

The climax came when weeks later, the slow movement of the

U.S.A. "HAUGHTY CHILD"

Strong opposition to any policy of appeasing the United States is voiced by Mr. Soho Tokutomi, Japanese historian and veteran journalist, in an article in the "Nichi Nichi."

"The way for our country to be at peace with America," he declares, "is by replenishing armaments to an extent which will deter it from approaching us. We must do that. Diplomacy and negotiation come next."

Continuing, Mr. Tokutomi says: "The United States has provoked Japan a great number of times. It is no exaggeration to say 300 times. Certainly there are limits to Japan's endurance. The last five years have witnessed a succession of American acts of provocation against our country."

"High Horse"

"The United States is the haughtiest child of the world. There is a saying to the effect that the prosperity of the haughty is short-lived. I wonder how much longer America will elect to ride the high horse. There is another saying to the effect that a man who avoids being provocative can hope to be in safety."

"We do not wish to provoke. But it will be too much for us to accept provocative acts. Are the Japanese prepared to meet the worst? Whether the Americans will be on their guard or off is no matter of concern to us. The Japanese must see that they are on their guard."

So long as we are prepared, America will be hesitant about going beyond intimidating us. Should we be off our guard, he says, America will descend upon us.

"At the time of the Shanghai Incident War Secretary Henry Stimson of the United States, then Secretary of State, tried to have his country take supreme action against our country. He was prevented only by the navy which disapproved of the idea of a clash with Japan. The Japanese must be prepared for a repetition of the episode."

"We are flatly opposed to a policy of currying favour with America. Should we fawn upon America, it will be judged as a sign of weakness."—Reuter.

LEFT BODY FOR ANALYSIS

Mr. Albert John Murphy, who died last August, directed in his £117,000 will that his executors should give his body to some London school of operative surgery or otherwise have it cremated and the ashes returned to his laboratory "for a spectrum analysis so that it may be known what are the total mineral constituents of the human body."

Mr. Murphy, who lived at Watlington House, Watlington, Oxford, was governing director of Murphy and Son Ltd.

Beethoven's "Moonlight" was played.

Hargreaves prefaced his programme with these words: "Remember, however, that you may have thought of to-day, there is always to-morrow. Don't believe the proverb, 'To-morrow never comes.'"

"Music gives you the will to look forward to something that has yet to happen. Let music influence you in how you act, in what you do."

Commerce raiders are a serious threat to the lines of sea communications. But there has been nothing in their occasional sorties thus far to indicate that they will be a decisive factor in the war at sea whether in the Atlantic or the Pacific. It cost the Germans some \$18,000,000 to build the Graf Spee, more than the total value of the ships and cargoes she sank before she herself was destroyed. Sea raiders inflict an intangible loss by compelling the use of many ships and much time in search, and by causing confusion among civilian populations. But it is a question whether all this will count as more than nuisance value in the final outcome of the war.

That raises the whole question of ignorance in war-time, a quality or condition which I crave and covet as the happiest of possessions, while others shun disdain, and disown it by every possible means. Admittedly it is a citizen's duty to keep informed about cer-

Alas! regardless of their doom
The little victims play!

Why alas? Would they be happier if knowing what's to come? Gray corrected the error in his last line and made ignorance the blissful state. It is also, if a true, profound, all-enveloping and comfortable ignorance, a modest, secret, and a silent treasure. George Eliot said that three things could not be hidden—love, a cough, and ignorance. Nonsense. It is knowledge and the pretense to it, so common in these days, that will not hold their peace. How charming by comparison is a grand, ungodly, unchristian, unscientific, how joyous as well as prudent may be a blank refusal to answer silly questions and to discuss indemonstrable matters!



"We say to her: 'Friend or Foe?' and all she keeps saying is: 'Foe!'"

So This Is Hong Kong?

Sent By An Unnamed Correspondent to The Christian Science Monitor

The great modern City of Victoria clings along the fringes of a protected harbour, and across from it is Kowloon. Huge green mountains rise 1,500 feet out of the water and look down upon ships riding at anchor. brave little China coasters and merchantmen from ports the world over. Many Chinese junk boats are always plying in and fro in the harbour, and they lend to Hong Kong an atmosphere all its own. From the famous Peak above Victoria the villas of Britons who have made

Military Governor

The Peak itself and surrounding mountains are now festooned with barbed wire entanglements. The great camouflaged shore batteries, some of them 1,000 feet above the harbour, now go into operation frequently. Large guns rear their heads from concrete emplacements on the steep cliffs and pick off targets many miles at sea. Hong Kong's biggest guns, partly because of the advantage of great height, outrange those on anything except Japan's biggest super-dreadnaughts, and it is doubtful

But even the most optimistic military appraisal would not go so far as to suggest that Hong Kong could hold out indefinitely, especially as the food problem grew more serious with protracted hostilities. But in any event, Hong Kong would have great nuisance value, for the Japanese would either have to attack, or leave it alone as a submarine base lying between them and their major objective further south. On the other hand, an attack on Hong Kong would divert a not inconsiderable part of the Japanese forces, and it would delay the southward campaign by weeks and perhaps months.



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A.T.S. GIRLS RESCUE RAID VICTIMS

TEARING WITH their hands at the debris, A.T.S. girls helped to free people trapped beneath shattered masonry when a high explosive bomb hit a London cinema in a night raid.

Although light streamed from the cinema through the broken wall and there was constant danger of further bombs falling, the girls insisted on helping with the rescue work.

Two more bombs fell in the district, but the girls still carried on.

One pretty, fair-haired A.T.S. girl pillowed the head of a man trapped by debris. She gave him a cigarette and tried to comfort him by talking to him.

He was in pain, but he smiled at her as he said: "This is almost worth being bombed."

Not until demolition squads and ambulances arrived did the girls consent to leave. Even then they pulled broken doorways from the heaps of rubble to form stretchers for the injured.

Men who were in the cinema when the bomb fell helped to prevent a panic.

They led women into the streets and then returned to release their friends trapped beneath the debris.

Injured Helped Too

A Roman Catholic priest hurried to the cinema and helped in the rescue work. Covered with brick dust, he spoke to the men as they lay buried under masonry.

Within a few minutes of the bomb dropping most of the injured had been freed and had been taken to hospital. Some of the men who had been injured carried on, helping to free those who were still trapped, refusing to have their own injuries dressed.

Soon after the night alert in the London area, enemy planes flying at a great height dropped a number of flares over the capital. A heavy barrage of A.A. guns broke out, several of the flares were shot down, and the planes fled without waiting to drop their bombs.

A low circling plane dropped three oil bombs on one London district. One fell between large blocks of flats and started a fire which was quickly put out, but it is feared that some people were hurt.

A Dornier that was chased across a south-east coast town by a Spitfire, jettisoned its bombs, hitting a church, a cinema, and other buildings. As it fled the Dornier sprayed the promenade with cannon-gun shells.

While a Hurricane pilot attacked a Dornier bomber only 50ft. above the sea, A.A. gunners shot down a German fighter-bomber flying nearly five miles high over Dover.

After a few rounds at a white speck in the sky the battery scored a direct hit and the M.E. spiralled down in flames from 24,000ft. into the sea.

The Hurricane pilot, a sergeant, had been patrolling off the east coast when he sighted the Dornier below him, skimming over the sea.

Chasing the bomber for ten miles, the Hurricane pilot caught it up and fired several bursts at close range. When the sergeant had to make for his base, the Dornier was out over the North Sea limping for home severely damaged.

Spitfires shot down a Junkers 87 dive bomber, the first to visit Britain for six weeks, into the Thames Estuary.

Crowds Cheer

Enemy activity was mostly by fighters. Two formations entered the Portsmouth area, others headed for London, an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique stated.

Bombs were dropped at several points in the London area, in the Eastern Counties, south-east England and Lincolnshire.

Hundreds of onlookers in the streets yesterday gave cheer after cheer as two enemy planes of a formation which unsuccessfully tried to reach London went spinning to earth.

During an afternoon raid fifty enemy planes crossed the coast at Dungeness and about twenty got through to London, where they

were intercepted by our fighters. It is believed no bombs were dropped.

Italian 'Planes

Six Italian bombers are believed to have taken part in the daylight raids.

After a machine had been seen from a South-East Coast town to go spinning down out of control, an airman descending by parachute was watched by crowds of people.

The airman had baled out at a great height, and as he drifted down two planes circled round him. His machine crashed into a field near Stanford, a village, and he came down many miles away, just behind Folkestone.

A lone raider which dropped bombs over an East Anglian village is reported to have been brought down in the sea off the east coast.

SOS FROM 3 GIRLS

When the salvage campaign began, Rita Knapman, aged twelve, her five-year-old sister, and a friend, saw their chance to help in the war effort.

They borrowed an old gram, chalked on it: "Save All Your Paper to Help Your Country" and started a round of their village—Basildon, in Essex.

At every house, they collected waste paper and cardboard, carted it home, and stacked it in the back garden.

Then satisfied that they had stripped the village of its waste paper, the little girls stopped visiting.

The salvage stood ready for the dustman.

That was early this summer.

Then, a pathetic note from three disappointed little girls arrived at the "Daily Mirror" office.

"Mummy has asked the dustman every week if he would kindly take the sacks away, but he still hasn't taken them, and Daddy is going to burn it all if it isn't collected," wrote Rita.

The "Daily Mirror" immediately telephoned Mr. A. D. Cheshire, Clerk to Billericay Urban District Council, which covers Basildon.

"I'm sorry the little girls have had this trouble. I will see that it is collected immediately."

NEW MASTER

"The new order only means new master," declares the semi-official Istanbul newspaper, "Ulus," commenting on an Italian plan for European economy.

"In this plan," says the newspaper, "all the nations are subject to slavery. It is just not only to recall the greatness of ancient Rome, but also its death."

DOCTORS PROBE BY RADIO

The wireless set is the newest ally of surgery. Doctors are using them in hospitals where people injured by bomb splinters are being treated.

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When the "probe" touches a bomb fragment in the body it produces a loud click or scratching noise in the loud-speaker, easily distinguishable from the sounds made by bone fragments, or non-metallic objects.

Dr. James S. Hall, of Victoria Infirmary, Deal, describes the procedure in the "British Medical Journal." He writes:

No Music

"Take any valve-operated wireless set to the patient, switch it on, and open out the volume control.

"If a programme is heard, tune it out, leaving the set in a sensitive condition. Connect a few feet of wire ending in an insulated probe to the aerial terminal or socket, and the apparatus is complete.

"As the noise heard is due to capacity changes in the aerial circuit of the set, touching the patient's A.R.P. badge or tie-pin would give no result, while a ring on his finger or a piece of bomb in his buttock yields a loud and distinct click; the noise in the speaker increasing with the size of the metallic object touched."



Oliver Hardy and Stan Laurel turn up as a musical duo in a horn factory but the work is far from soothing and it causes riotously funny results which highlight the action of "Baps At Sea," now at the King's Theatre.



Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy go down to the sea for a vacation, but they take a boat that's not seaworthy, which causes a riot of laughs in "Saps at Sea," at the King's Theatre.

BRITAIN MAY HAVE TO USE HER BATTLESHIPS

THE GERMAN sea blockade may soon force the British government to alter a fundamental policy of the Royal Navy and throw battleships of the line into the risky business of convoying merchant ships.

The British almost came to that pass in the world war when, as the American Admiral Sims put it, submarine warfare had starved the British to within six weeks of surrender.

But the convoy system answered the U-boat. At first destroyers were assigned to escort vital supplies. Battleships stood by for later use. The destroyers did so well, the battleships never were used.

And so the battleships remained the backbone of the grand fleet, carried out time-honoured British policy to remain intact, wait for the supreme moment of life or death for the empire.

This time it is different.

Threat Is Greater

The submarine-raider-plane menace is a German triple threat greater to-day than in 1917, although the British public isn't aware of it yet. Here are eight reasons why:

1. The Germans have the western tip of France, saving their subs and surface raiders and 'planes hundreds of miles of risky ocean travel from home bases to convoy lanes and back.

2. The Germans as ever are perfect co-ordinators. They have blended the attack of their subs and pocket battleships and 'planes—and they are working them all from the same base—L'Orient, France.

3. The British gave up by their treaty with Ireland in 1938, naval bases at Lough Swilly, Berehaven and Cobh. That makes their flotillas go 200 miles to 400 miles farther for refueling and repair.

4. In the world war, the British had the help of the French, Italian, Japanese, and later the American fleets for blockade, patrol, and convoy. To-day they face the task of blockading Europe, fighting in the Mediterranean, and patrolling far eastern waters all alone.

5. At the start of the world war, the British had more than 500 destroyers. Counting the 50 old ships we sent them recently, they have no more than 200 destroyers to-day.

Only One Lane

6. Ireland's stubborn neutrality and the German conquest of France forced the British to forsake two of their convoy lanes—through the English channel to London, and through St. George's channel to the Irish sea and Liverpool. That leaves one lane around the northern tip of Ireland, on which the Germans can concentrate.

7. Nearby Scandinavia and France supplied many vital war supplies and much food to Britain during the world war. To-day the British must bring in their supplies from far-flung posts of empire, South America and the United States.

8. The British had well over 16,000,000 tons of long-range merchant shipping at the start of the world war. They had only 13,000,000 tons when this war started. Recently they've been losing 100,000 tons a week. Even with the neutral shipping they've acquired, the best estimates indicate they have only 12,000,000 tons to-day.

Two immediate solutions of the problem are possible. The first is to get the Irish bases they need so desperately for aeroplane observation. But that might mean bloodshed, since Eamon de Valera will never consent to abandon neutrality.

The other way is to convoy merchant ships with battleships. Battleships or battle cruisers can outrun and outrange Germany's pocket battleships. Battleships, or battle cruisers can withstand the withering attack of dive bombers. With destroyer screens, they have better than an even chance to escape the submarines.

Risk Still Heavy

But there's still a heavy risk, for the Germans have co-ordinated their attack. It's like this: all three weapons are used for both observation and attack. An observation 'plane sights British merchant vessels gathering for convoy 700 miles out. It reports back to L'Orient by radio. L'Orient sends out subs and surface raiders and a bombing squadron of 'planes. The surface raiders hang far out to sea, risking no trap. But their guns can outrange a destroyer convoy.

So, the question now up in the British high command is whether to risk battleships singly to protect vital war supplies.

The British had fifteen battleships when the war started. They lost the Royal Oak to a submarine. Three battle cruisers, the Renown, the Repulse and the Hood, can also cope with 'planes, subs and surface raiders. That makes 17. But five battleships at least are in the Mediterranean. One or two more, perhaps, in the Far East.

Aces in the hole are the five, 30-knot battleships started in 1937. They are either ready for

NAZI KULTUR IN FRANCE

Systematic attempts are being made by the German authorities in Paris to stamp out French culture, according to visitors now in the United States from Switzerland and quoted by Edgar Mowrer, Washington correspondent of the Chicago "Daily News."

Three Germans, Kruess, director of the Berlin State Library, Becker and Fuchs, also librarians, he says, constitute a commission in Paris under whose orders all books felt to be contrary to the Nazi spirit are removed from public and private libraries and from bookstalls. At the same time, booksellers have been forced to display German propaganda works.

Catholic documents have also been seized, and according to Mowrer's informant the "Germans tried with physical violence to wrest Vatican correspondence from the hands of Cardinal Lienart, Archbishop of Lille."

action, or are even now with the grand fleet somewhere off northern England.

The German triple threat is built for these battleships. But the empire's lifeline is in danger. The British may have to throw 'em in—and hope for the best.

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CHOOSING THE BEST PLAY

By The Four Aces

It would have been very easy for South to choose a losing line of play for the slam he had so neatly bid, but he managed to steer clear of dangers:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 4
♥ A K Q 10 5
♦ K Q J 3
♣ 10 5
 ♠ Q 10 5
♥ 8 4
♦ 8 6
♣ Q J 9 8
 ♠ 7
♥ J 9 6 2
♦ A 9 7 6
♣ 4 3
 ♠ K J 9 8 6 3 2
♥ 7 3
♦ 10
♣ A K 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

South took the opening club lead with the club Ace and thought first of leading out the Ace and King of trumps. If the trump Queen fell, he could finish drawing trumps and then easily take the slam with dummy's top hearts. But he saw in time that if the trump Queen failed to fall, the slam would depend on getting a very good heart break. Since, as a matter of fact, the hearts were not well distributed, South was very wise to reject this play.

The play which next occurred to South was to take the club King, ruff the low club, cash the trump Ace and then run the top hearts. If two rounds of hearts got by safely, the slam was home; for he could discard the losing diamond on the third heart and then could afford to give up a trump trick.

The only flaw in this play was the order of the tricks. There was no reason to ruff the club before cashing the Ace of trumps. So at the second trick, South led a trump to dummy's Ace and then returned a club to his own King. The next step was to ruff the low club; and when East discarded, South congratulated himself on his effective precaution. He then laid down dummy's high hearts, discarding the losing diamond on the last. West could ruff if he liked, but couldn't win another trick.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ Q 10 5

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	(?)	

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Question No. 602

To-day you hold the same hand, but the opening bid is different:

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1♥	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer

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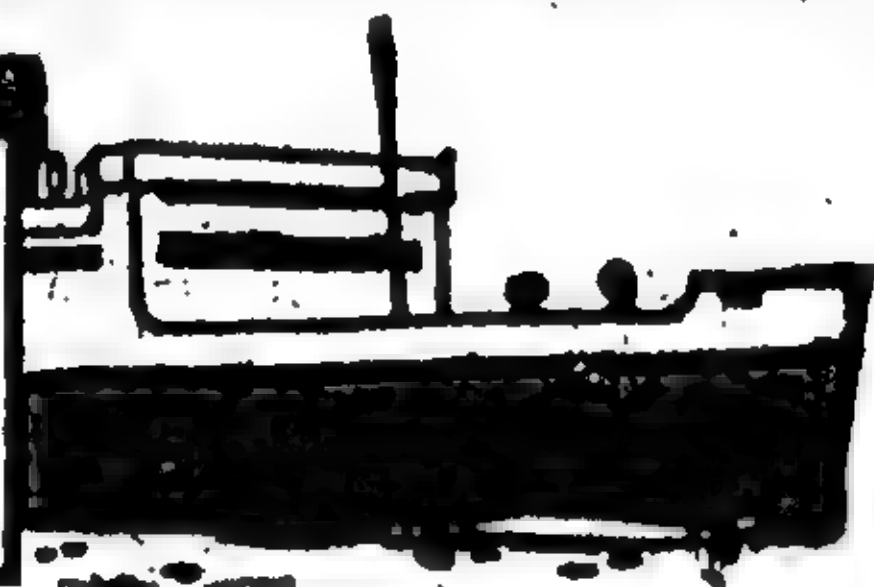
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FOR DATE & TIME

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12.30 p.m.—Variety.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Mavis Bennett (Soprano) and Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dellus—Sea Drift.

John Brownlee (Baritone) and the London Select Choir with the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Variety.

8.41 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad."

9.45 p.m.—Bach—Symphony No. 4 in E Flat Major, Op. 90.

10.17 p.m.—Vladimir Horowitz at the Piano.

10.30 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan's "Ruddigore."

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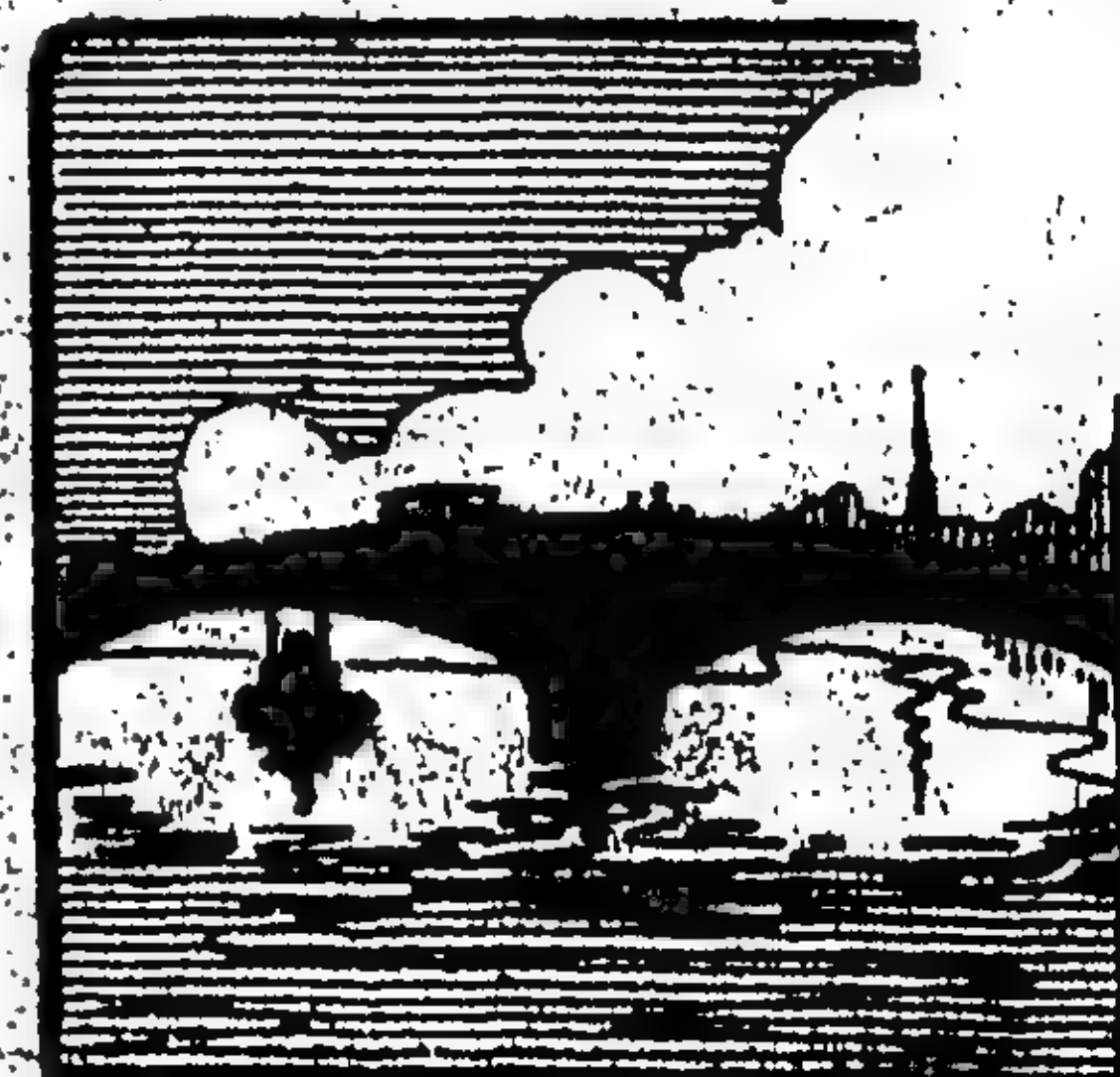
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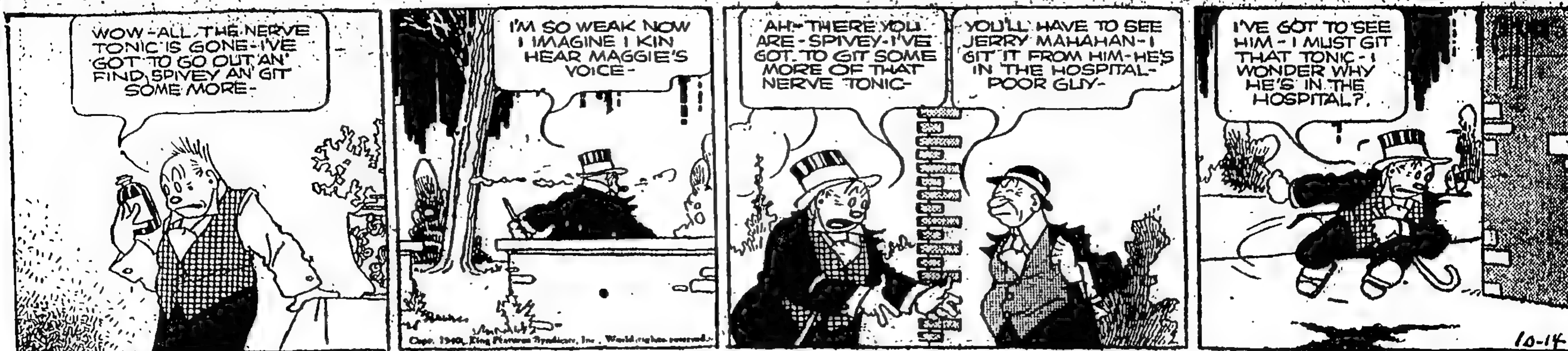
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His committee, which comprises half a dozen magistrates, has circularised the rest of the magistrates pointing out the increase in juvenile crime in the county.

The circular reminded the magistrates of their powers to order whipping and asked them to consider these powers to stop crime waves.

The probation committee were unanimous in their decision to issue the circular, but their request has so far met with little response.

Alderman J. W. West, of Coalville, told a reporter: "We did consider ordering the birch in one or two cases, but we have not done so yet."

"Before the Act was passed the House of Lords three times inserted the birching clause and twice the House of Commons knocked it out."

"At the third time the House of Commons considered that other useful provisions in the Bill might be jeopardised, and they allowed the birching clause to remain."

"Sneer At Probation"

"Magistrates have been considering this new request to order whipping in the light of that Parliamentary attitude."

Mr. Pachin said: "The work of probation officers is increasing to such an extent that it makes one wonder if the system of probation has failed."

"It is possible that we shall have to revert to taking note of the old adage, Spare the rod and spoil the child."

"In many cases children now sneer at probation. They sometimes commit an offence while on

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knockout, for Al failed to answer the bell for the sixth.

A smashing right to the kidneys floored Al in the fifth but he rose upon the count of one. His left eye, however, was closed so badly that he was unable to see clearly. Although he weathered the rest of the round he did not come back for the next canto.—United Press.

LOUIS TO MEET CONN

Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis has signed to defend his title against Billy Conn of Pittsburgh, it was announced recently in New York. The bout will be held in June, Conn, who is king of the light-heavyweights, has been campaigning in the heavyweight division in recent months.—United Press.



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The Bogey Par Pool over the New Course attracted only 14 entries and was won by A. J. Dennis (10), one up.

The sum of \$35 from entrance fees has been donated to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund.

The Captain's Cup will be held on January 4 and 5 over the Old and New Courses. Bogey Par Pools will be held on January 11 and 12 over the New Course and on January 18 and 19 over the Old.

The first round of the Junior Championship will be held on January 19.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY PROGRAMME

Following is Sunday's programme of Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament matches.

10.30 A.M.	A. N. Other XI v Police "B"
	Destroyers v Police "A"
	Gunboats v C.B.A.
	5th A.A. "B" v Recreio
4.00 P.M.	University v Nomads
	Punjabs v 2nd M.T.B.'s
	Signals v 5th A.A. "A"

K.C.C. TEAMS

Kowloon have picked a strong team to meet Indians in the first junior League cricket match at Sookunpoo on Saturday. The team is—S. A. Gray (captain), R. Baldwin, G. A. Goodban, F. Goodwin, W. W. Parson, T. A. Maqar, K. M. Baxter, L. R. Burch, W. L. Rapley, E. Curtis, H. Brokenshire, Umpire, R. Leigh, Scorer, J. W. Bertram.

At Kowloon, Recreio will meet the senior team at home in a friendly game. Kowloon's team is—E. C. Fincher (captain), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, E. F. Fincher, F. J. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, R. T. Broadbridge, Umpire, J. P. Robinson, Scorer, T. W. Carr.

C.C.C. SELECTIONS

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday at 2.00 p.m.

1st XI (v H.K.C.C. Friendly, Away):—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, T. H. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, J. L. Young, Saye and H. G. Foreman (Reserve).

2nd XI (v Police League, Home):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way, O. M. Omar (Reserve) and L. Chon (Reserve).

Marshall Leong, St. Mary's Chinese sophomore full-back, sells medicine herbs to help finance his schooling.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Notice Missed Putt

BY BEST BALL

The golfer who gets too exasperated with his putts, when they go past the hole, to notice the course the ball takes, is overlooking a bet. For the path the ball takes at this stage of the journey, when much of its momentum has left it, will reveal the slope of the green at this point and the amount of borrow the golfer must allow to sink the ball on the next stroke. This observation is useful on rolling greens and even on those putting surfaces which apparently have little slope. Putting demands great accuracy and no item is to be overlooked which will help the golfer in his performance.

While this process is largely advocated for those long rolling putts which are designed to reach the hole and not fall short of it, it is also useful on short shots just off the green. Such shots are designed to place the golfer in a position to hole out in one stroke. The golfer can enhance his chances for success by partially determining its returning course in advance.

Next Article: Correct Body Time.

JAPANESE SWIMMERS FOR MANILA

Among the passengers en route to Manila yesterday were Messrs. S. Arai, T. Honma, T. Hiraga, S. Oura and T. Honda, members of a swimming team which is to compete in Manila. Mr. K. Sai'o, famous Japanese swimming coach and sports writer, who recently took a team to South America on an exhibition tour is also with the team.

SATURDAY'S BOWLS

The Volunteer Sergeants' Mess will entertain Kowloon Bowling Green Club in a friendly Lawn Bowls match at Cox's Road on Saturday, at 2.45 p.m.

MAJORITY TO INDIANS

Thirty-four of the Indians' games last Summer were decided by a single run, with the Tribe winning 19.

(Continued from Next Col.) to equal the record, which is 96 goals scored in one season in League football. So far they have scored 71.

The Engineers still have another 12 matches to play this season and should have no difficulty in reaching this goal.

Hockey

ON Sunday Middlesex Regiment will play the 5/7 Rajput Regt. at Shamshulpo in the Large Units Hockey League, bulky of 4.15 p.m.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

Softball

IN Second Division of the Men's Softball League Royal Air Force beat Royal Scots on Sunday to the tune of 25 points to 2, and the Engineers were beaten by the Cosmopolitans 17 points to 4.

Billiards

THE Garrison Billiards Tournaments have now reached the semi-final stages, and the semi-final of the Garrison Challenge Cup will be played on Thursday at the Soldiers' Club, the first game between the R.A.S.C. and the R.A.M.C. commencing at 5.30 p.m.

The second game will be played between either the R.A.P.C. or the G. M. Police and the 22nd (F) Coy Engineers or the HQ Coy of the Royal Scots.

The semi-final of the Garrison Soldiers' Club Tournament will be played at the Soldiers' Club on the 4th and 7th instant, both games commencing at 6 p.m.

On the 4th the R.A.M.C. will play the Volunteers, who are strong favourites for this competition.

On the 7th either the "A" Coy Royal Scots or the R.A.P.C. will play the Royal Corps Signals or the 40F Coy Engineers.

The Individual Billiards championship semi-finals will be played on Thursday, both games commencing at 3 p.m.

The first game between Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C. and B.S.M. Rawlings R.A. should result in a win for the former. The second game between S.Q.M.S. Woods, R.A.S.C. and Pte Whybro, R.A.M.C. is a difficult game to forecast but I think that Whybro will just make it.

The Individual Snooker Championship semi-finals will be played on Friday the 3rd at 3 p.m. First game between Lieut. Dixon (Hon. Secretary Area Billiards) and S.Q.M.S. Woods, R.A.S.C. will, I think, result in a win for Lieut. Dixon.

The second game between Cpl. Harvey R.A.M.C. and Piper Milne, Royal Scots should result in a win for Harvey, who is expected to win both individual competitions.

The Shield, which was recently presented to the Billiards section of the Area Sports Board by Messrs. J. A. Windsor and Co., will be competed for as a Snooker League which will be run during the latter part of January 1941 after the completion of other competitions during the present season.

Cricket

AT Sookunpoo on Sunday the Royal Scots suffered heavy defeat by the Volunteers who won by 200 runs.

The Volunteers batted first and scored 278 runs for 6 wickets declared, and the Royal Scots replied with 78. Volunteers put the Scots in again and they scored 83 runs for 8 wickets, with Cpl. Alsey and Lieut. Fergus each scoring 19 runs.

At King's Park on Sunday the Sappers were defeated by H.M.S. Tamar by 20 runs.

The Engineers made 126 with Shaw scoring 28. The Engineers' bowlers could not find their length, and they were duly punished.

Tamar batted first and scored 146 runs for 8 wickets declared, Honeywell making 63 runs not out, and Leading Telegraphist West 32.

Athletics

WE must congratulate Sig. A. Lewis on the fine performance he gave in the 10,000 metres open to the Colony run on Sunday at Caroline Hill; he finished second about 300 metres behind the winner.

Cpl. Manson of Royal Scots, well known local runner, dropped out of the race after completing 17 of the 25 laps of the course.

Association Football

THE Engineers have now passed the Service Corps in the race for the goal-scoring records by virtue of the fact that they beat Cub nine goals to nil on Saturday.

They only need another 25 goals (Continued at foot of Breeding Col.)

SUCCESSFUL CENTRE-FORWARD PLAY

ON HOW TO PLAY SOCCER

By "Referee"

IN FOOTBALL THE best defence is, to attack. The successful centre-forward is one who knows how and when to attack throughout the game, and never knows when he is beaten. His persistency leads to ultimate victory, which comes only to those who move goalwards, shoot hard and with every chance. The thing is to attack and shoot. Make a point of shooting for goal from all angles when seeing a favourable opportunity. You will not score always; but, maybe, your shot at an awkward angle will hit the upright or the crossbar and from the rebound one of the inside-forwards will score a goal.

A centre-forward has to lead the attack to co-ordinate the attacking efforts of others, either inside-forwards or half-backs. He is looked upon by his team, and the crowd watching the game, as the pivot on which goal-scoring depends. This responsibility cannot rest light upon the shoulders of any player wishing to become a successful leader. Not only is it necessary to be quick-witted, but one must show intelligent anticipation of all the movements of the team. In the centre of the game, usually positioning in mid-field, most of the planned manoeuvres in attack end up with the ball being passed to him for redistribution or scoring. This makes him the brains of attack, and also the target for the concentrated energies, physical and in playing craft, of the opposing defence.

Forward Must Have Weight And Speed

To retain his place in first-class football a centre-forward must have weight and speed. Being the spearhead of attack calls for strength and weight above the average to counter the buffeting received in the game. He must not be easily charged off the ball, and, above all, be sure-footed. Misplacement of the ball through faulty footwork might mean the loss of a goal.

Wing players initiate raids on to the goal, but the centre-forward has to finish their work and turn it into goals. He has also to work with all three half-backs, especially the centre-half, who is the heavy artillery making it possible with long, ground passes, to keep up a constant attack.

The successful centre-forward, besides being the brains of the attack, most certainly must be the heart. To be effective, his work should always carry the hallmark of inspiration, and win confidence from his fellows throughout the game. There is even another point often overlooked in the work of a centre-forward—he should possess an almost uncanny anticipation of the ultimate aim of a manoeuvre played by the rest of the team. In short, he has intuitively to know and pre-judge the cooperative mind of the rest of the team. Lacking this gift he will never be a great centre-forward.

Must Understand Contemporaries' Play

Especially should he know the mind of his inside-forwards and centre half-back. With this trio he creates movements which consolidate the attack. Anticipating the movements of the individual players is no easy task, and if a player lacks this intuitive gift, then let him study hard the various traits of his comrades so that every time they have the ball he knows by their foot-craft exactly what they intend doing with it, and position to receive it. A crack centre-forward watches the feet of his inside men and tells by the angle they pass the ball where to position almost to a yard. This is more than intelligent anticipation; it is knowledge gained through the judgment of intuitive experience.

Not the least important part of the equipment of a centre-forward is self-control. This seems to have little to do with the science of football, yet it has a great deal to do with the winning of matches. Self-control in a centre-forward is imperative, especially as he is the leader of the game. I don't mean self-control of one's temper, that should be understood and practised by every player, but self-control in the face of the many temptations to leave his position for what appears to be a better one, and purposely made for him by the opposing defence.

Prey Of The Off-Side Rule

This is a trap, either to place him offside, or to snare him away from a point when he could

initiate a dangerous movement. Many times a good chance has been thrown away by a centre-forward who will position too far up the field and in so doing become the easy prey of an exploited "off-side rule." This lack of control is very disheartening to the team as a whole, especially to the wing men who have manoeuvred an opening for him to break through, and which is spoilt by faulty positioning.

A centre-forward has also to remember he is expected to be the leader of the attack and the getter of goals. Both his team, and the crowd, expect him to win the game, and this mental attitude towards him calls for more confidence and self-control on his part than from anyone else in the team. Finally a centre-forward must

PARNABY CAUTIONED

Parnaby, of Royal Scots, who was ordered off the field of play during the First Division Football game against St. Joseph's was cautioned at the meeting of the Emergency Committee held last night.

The referee E. G. Ford did not appear.

not let his enthusiastic leadership end in erratic shooting at goal. The supreme test of his foot-craft is the moment when he is in a scoring position, his team's success depending upon this one chance of scoring a goal, and keeping accurate ball-control. How often have I seen centre-forwards with in scoring range kick wildly in their uncontrolled excitement, skying the ball over the cross-bar to the consternation of their team. Make a point of shooting along the ground. Of course, if at an awkward angle it may not be possible to do this, but at reasonable range, and unhampered by the defence, a hard ground shot will usually score if correctly placed.

(This is the last of four articles which have appeared in "The China Mail").

NO SOFT JOB

Ruth Whitmore, wife of the softball commissioner, was the only woman scorekeeper in the national softball championships at Detroit, U.S.A., recently.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following is this week-end's Football Programme.

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION	
Kowloon	v Eastern (Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)
South China	v Middlesex (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
Police	v St. Joseph's (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION	
Kowloon	v 30th R.A. (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
South China	v Ordnance (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Service Corps	v Navy (Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Club	v Kit Chee (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
Sing Tao	v Middlesex (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION	
Engineers	v International (Military, 4.00 p.m.)
Signals	v 20th R.A. (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
24th R.A.	v 36th R.A. (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
35th R.A.	v 12th R.A. (Stanley, 2.30 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION	
Kwong Wah	v R. Scots (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)
Navy	v Sing Tao (Causeway Bay, 4.00 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION	
Kwong Wah	v Engineers (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
R. Scots	v Police (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)

LATEST FOOTBALL FIXTURES

As there will be no Interport with Shanghai this year, the League Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association met last night and arranged the programme for the vacant dates reserved for the Interport.

Following is the Chinese Holiday programme:—

January 22:—Kotewall Charity Cup Competition.
January 25 and 26:—Postponed League games.
January 27 Chinese New Year:—Semi-finals of the Lai-Wah Cup Competition.
January 28:—Kotewall Charity Cup Competition.

SMALL BOYS' SOCCER

The presentation, by Mr. D. P. Lal, of trophies of the Kowloon Inter-School Small Boys' Miniature Soccer League took place at the McPherson playground, Homuntin, yesterday.

THIRD DIVISION	
7th R.A.	v Shell (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
A.S.A.	v Air Force (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

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"CLOSER TO WAR"

Japanese Comment On The Roosevelt Speech

RAIDS ON LIBYAN AERODROMES

The enemy's Western Desert landing grounds at Tmimi, Derna and Gazala were raided by the R.A.F. on Sunday.

Fires were started at Tmimi and dispersed aircraft were attacked, according to an R.A.F. communique in Cairo. Reuter.

GOOD UNDERTONE IN STOCK MARKET

Although business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was only of a spasmodic character the undertone was satisfactory. Furthermore President Roosevelt's speech and the terms of the new 2½ per cent War Bonds and three per cent Savings Bonds, indicating Government's intention to adhere to a cheap money policy, created a good impression. Gilt-edged were rather irregular but several industrial made headway. Wall Street was firm. Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY ARRIVES IN LISBON

Admiral Leahy, United States Ambassador to the Petain Gov-

More Guarded Tone By Officials

AN ASSERTION THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S POLICY IS DRIVING THE UNITED STATES CLOSER TO WAR WAS MADE YESTERDAY BY THE JAPANESE NEWSPAPER "YOMIURI SHIMBUN," COMMENTING ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH.

President Roosevelt's statement that he believed the Axis powers were not going to win the war was dismissed by the newspaper as "utterly irresponsible."

CIGARS FOR THE PREMIER

A BOX OF CIGARS HAS BEEN SENT BY THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AS A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR MR. CHURCHILL.

The box is presented by the leaders of the four political parties of the People's Council.

The inscription on the box pays tribute to Mr. Churchill's energy, doggedness and leadership. Reuter.

Government, arrived at Lisbon on the United States cruiser Tuscaloosa yesterday, states the Havas agency. Reuter.

The paper adds: "Whatever the situation may be in the coming year the responsibility must be borne partly by the United States."

Japan's Policy, According To Itoh

Japan does not intend to aggravate the present situation in the Pacific, provided her own existence is not gravely threatened, said Dr. Itoh, the Japanese Minister of Information, to the correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Social Demokraten" in Stockholm yesterday.

Dr. Itoh added that Japanese policy was based on alliance with the Axis directed against no nation; it merely defined the minimum demands necessary for Japan's existence.

Hope To Persuade

Dr. Itoh declared that Japan hoped to persuade the United States and Britain to sympathise with her view that each nation should play an unhindered role in her own part of the world.

In Eastern Asia, Japan's aim was reconstruction on a basis of international justice which would also promote world peace. Reuter.

CHINA AND ROOSEVELT TALK

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S "FIRESIDE" TALK IN WHICH HE BITTERLY DENOUNCED THE AXIS POWERS AND APPEALED TO THE AMERICAN NATION TO CONVERT ITSELF INTO A "GREAT ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY" IS INTERPRETED BY THE "TA KUNG PAO" TO-DAY AS A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE TREND OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY IN 1941, WHICH EMBRACES FURTHER POSITIVE AID TO BRITAIN AND CHINA.

Of particular significance in the President's speech, the paper says, was his declaration that the Tripartite Alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan menaced the United States. This amounted to refutation of the recent utterances of Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka and Admiral K. Nomura.

It is Japan, and not Germany, which finds the speech most painful, because Germany does not hope for a rapprochement with the United States but the former does.

The "National Times" terms President Roosevelt's speech as representative of the voice of the American nation.

It will be warmly received, not only by the British people, but by all nations suffering from aggression.

CHINA'S WAR ON OPIUM

In a message to the nation, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has announced the termination of the Six-Year Opium Suppression Programme and warned that the death penalty may be imposed on any opium producer, addict or trafficker arrested hereafter.

The Generalissimo stated that, according to reports submitted by different provincial and municipal governments, the opium suppression work provided in the programme had been brought to a conclusion, and all licenced opium supplying organs have been closed down.

"Beginning from New Year's Day," the Generalissimo enjoined, "all Chinese should march on the road of glory and rejuvenation spiritually and physically, and should redouble their efforts for the elimination of the last trace of the opium evil."

Despite the termination of the six-year programme, suppressive measures will continue at all times and in all places.

"Chinese in enemy-occupied areas should fight against the Japanese policy of narcotisation in the same courageous spirit as in the battlefield," Generalissimo Chiang instructed.

The National Government have also issued a mandate announcing completion of the Opium Suppression Programme and instructing provincial and municipal governments to ensure the total elimination of opium, declaring that in this campaign lies the foundation of national rejuvenation. Central News.

MR. SOONG RETURNING?

It was rumoured in Chinese financial circles this morning that Mr. T. V. Soong, China's financial expert, will shortly return from America to report in detail to the Chungking Government.

It is added that he will not proceed to England, as previously predicted.

POLICE IN PISTOL BATTLE

Guided by a victimised junk master, the Police yesterday proceeded to Shatau in the New Territories and arrested five alleged robbers after an exchange of fire. One man was wounded and has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital. Seven others escaped.

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Washington Controversy

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Verne Marshall, Chairman of the "No Foreign War Committee," yesterday challenged the American State Department to publicise the "just and honourable" peace offer Germany made in October, 1939, with President Roosevelt cast in the role of mediator.

The State Department, without denying that a peace proposal was submitted, stated officially that "nothing possible" in the way of such a formula had come to its notice.

Mr. Marshall said that Mr. W. R. Davis, New York oilman, conveyed the proposal.

The State Department's reply was: "The Government can only conduct important international affairs effectively through the duly authorised official channels created for that purpose."—International News Service.

SOVIET AND THE WAR IN CHINA

"The fighting ability of the Chinese army has increased in the past year," declared the Soviet paper "Red Star" in Moscow yesterday.

The paper attributes this to the opening of the Burma road and the development of war industries in the south-west provinces.

Pointing out that Japan's desire to end the so-called Sino-Japanese Incident has not been fulfilled, the Soviet paper foresees a continuation of the long war "exhaustive for Japan."—Reuter.

ISOLATED DAYLIGHT RAIDS

During daylight yesterday, it is officially stated, bombs were dropped by single enemy aircraft

CURTISS TOMAHAWKS FOR R.A.F.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Curtiss-Wright Company announced in New York yesterday that it now can give the R.A.F. eight fighters daily.

All are fast Curtiss-81A pursuits, which the R.A.F. have nicknamed "Curtiss-Tomahawk" and which are a development of the famous P40 pursuit which the United States Army has in large numbers. —International News Service.

Fighter Leader's D.S.O.

A BAG OF AT LEAST EIGHTEEN ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED AND "OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP, COURAGE AND SKILL" CONTRIBUTE TO D.S.O. AWARDS TO ACTING SQUADRON LEADER R.R.S. TUCK, D.F.C.

A bar to the D.F.C. is also announced in the latest list of R.A.F. awards gained by Acting Flight Lieutenant J. C. Dundas, who has destroyed at least 12 enemy aircraft and "on one occasion pursued an enemy aircraft from Winchester to Cherbourg, finally destroying it."

Four D.F.C. awards include one to Squadron Leader M. V. Blake, a New Zealander.—British Wireless.

SIR GEOFFRY'S GREETINGS

The following telegram has been received by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government from His Excellency Sir G. A. S. Northcote, K.C.M.G., 24th December, 1940. Please accept on behalf of yourself and all in the Colony my warmest good wishes for Christmas and 1941.

at one point in East Anglia and in Kent. Damage done was slight and casualties were few.—British Wireless.

Roosevelt Lend Or Lease Proposal

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ADMINISTRATION QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON HINTED YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL SHORTLY AUTHORISE THE TRANSFER OF 40 MORE DESTROYERS AND AT LEAST AS MANY LONG-RANGE ARMY AND NAVY BOMBERS TO BRITAIN AS A TOKEN OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO GIVE BRITAIN ALL AID NECESSARY TO DEFEAT THE AXIS.

While officials directly concerned with the aid-to-Britain programme withhold flat predictions that the transfer of destroyers will take place, one said that such a move "certainly would not be inconsistent with the President's promise of every ounce of supplies we can possibly spare."

President Roosevelt yesterday had lunch with two of the top officials directing the flow of aid to Britain, Mr. Henry Morgenthau (Secretary of Treasury) and Mr. Arthur Purvis (Chief of the British Purchasing Mission).

"Lend Or Lease"

At a subsequent press conference, Mr. Morgenthau said he considered the Administration's "lend and lease" plan of financing the enemies of the Axis "might apply to anybody, including Greece and China."

Mr. Purvis said President Roosevelt's speech "has opened a new chapter" in the aid-to-Britain programme, but denied that he discussed any new British requirements with the President.

Asked regarding the possibility of United States requisition of Axis merchantmen in American ports for British use, Mr. Purvis said: "I, as a Britisher, have the greatest respect for your laws."

BUS CRASH TRAGEDY SEQUEL

The head-on collision between a motor-bus and a "United Delivery" lorry in Castle Peak Road, on December 10, had a sequel before Major A. N. Macfadyen, at Kowloon this morning when the bus-driver, Tang Sang, 30, was charged with manslaughter, and with driving without due care and caution.

It was revealed that altogether five persons were killed as a result of the accident.

One week's formal remand was granted. Accused was allowed \$500 bail.

Traffic Sub-Inspector A. R. Eftain is in charge of the case.

The New Year

There will be no issue of the "China Mail" to-morrow, New Year's Day. Publication will be resumed on Thursday, January 2.

To our Readers go our warmest good wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

BIAS BAY REPORT

Chinese press reports this morning stated that an aircraft carrier and several destroyers arrived in Bias Bay yesterday. These reports, however, are not confirmed by usually well-informed quarters.

There are, however, one cruiser and three destroyers anchored in the Bay.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, fresh; fair.

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A HIGH CALL TO ACTION

Roosevelt Serves Notice On Tokyo-Axis Alliance

LYONS USES D.N.B. VERSION

Lyons radio last night treated President Roosevelt's speech with great care.

Comment was that the speech was "as important as had been expected" and that the intensity of the statement that nothing would stop American aid to Britain "goes beyond the limits of official style and is certain to arouse passionate comment all over the world."

Extracts of the speech were quoted by Lyons radio but quotations were remarkable for the fact that the many references to the National Socialists and their policies were omitted, the summary given was that issued by the German official news agency Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY ARRIVES IN LISBON

Admiral Leahy, United States Ambassador to the Petain Government, arrived at Lisbon on the United States cruiser Tuscaloosa yesterday, states the Havas agency Reuter.

Full Agreement With President's Central Thesis

"BY BLUNTLY ANNOUNCING THAT HE REGARDS THE GERMAN-ITALIAN-JAPANESE PACT AS DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT PUT ALL THREE COUNTRIES ON NOTICE THAT HE REGARDS THEM AS POTENTIAL IF NOT ACTUAL ENEMIES."

This sentence is contained in a "New York Times" editorial on President Roosevelt's talk in which it was also stated that the overwhelming majority of the country would agree wholeheartedly with the President's central thesis that a victory of the Axis powers would mean a "new and terrible era."

The "New York Herald-Tribune" describes the address as "a high call to action" and says that the President's aim is to see

facts as they are is the one guiding aim of all those who have been urging the American people to send aid to Britain.

President Pleased

President Roosevelt was greatly pleased at the reaction to his speech.

The address brought a greater response than any previous Roosevelt talk, said his Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, making this announcement at a Washington press conference yesterday.

Messages, he added, were 100 to one in favour of the policy enunciated in the talk.

"Sheer Waste"

"President Roosevelt pretends that America is menaced by the Axis," says "Giornale d'Italia" in Rome, adding that the Axis powers have been tolerant up to now but there is a limit to this tolerance.

The war, says the paper, is being fought to liberate Europe from British domination.

It asserts that Britain cannot win the war and that American help would be "sheer waste and not without some risk to herself."—Reuter.

CHINA AND ROOSEVELT TALK

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S "FIRESIDE" TALK IN WHICH HE BITTERLY DENOUNCED THE AXIS POWERS AND APPEALED TO THE AMERICAN NATION TO CONVERT ITSELF INTO A "GREAT ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY" IS INTERPRETED BY THE "TA KUNG PAO" TO-DAY AS A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE TREND OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY IN 1941, WHICH EMBRACES FURTHER POSITIVE AID TO BRITAIN AND CHINA.

Of particular significance in the President's speech, the paper says, was his declaration that the Tripartite Alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan menaced the United States. This amounted to refutation of the recent utterances of Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka and Admiral K. Nomura.

It is Japan, and not Germany, which finds the speech most painful, because Germany does not hope for a rapprochement with the United States but the former does. The "National Times" terms President Roosevelt's speech as representative of the voice of the American nation.

It will be warmly received, not only by the British people, but by all nations suffering from aggression.

NO RESPITE IN AIR FOR ITALIANS

The R.A.F. are giving Italy no respite in the Mediterranean theatres of war.

Valona, chief enemy port in southern Albania, was attacked for the 21st and 22nd time by British bombers, states an R.A.F. Middle East communique, which adds:

During the first raid bombs were seen to explode among transport and troops moving on a road near a jetty and a large warehouse was set on fire.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire was experienced and enemy fighters intercepted, resulting in an engagement lasting 15 minutes.

One of our aircraft was shot down and two members of the crew were seen making parachute descents.

The second raid was carried out in bad weather but direct hits were registered on a road leading to the north jetty. Buildings were hit and a number of bombs were observed to burst between motor transport parks and military stores.

Two cargo boats, a merchant ship and a cruiser were machine-gunned.

On the return flight a formation of enemy bombers was seen and fired at but the enemy escaped in cloud cover before results were observed.

British fighters in the Western Desert continued offensive patrols but no contact was made with enemy aircraft.

In Italian East Africa a raid was carried out on motor transport repair workshops near Dessie. — British Wireless.

GREEKS TAKE FORTIFIED POSITIONS

"Fortified positions to the west of Pogradetz have been wrenched from the enemy and despite bad weather action has yielded good results all along the front," stated Athens radio last night.

The broadcast was quoting a communique by the Greek Press Ministry.—Reuter.

VICHY FOOD PROBLEM

THE VICHY GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL RESEARCH BUREAU TO DEAL WITH THE URGENT PROBLEM OF FOOD SUPPLIES, STATES THE HAVAS AGENCY.

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Nazis' Flagrantly Indiscriminate "Fire Raid"

JAPANESE RAZE 64 VILLAGES

Sixty-four villages were razed by the Japanese in their recent invasion of Shehsien, north Honan. About 4,300 villagers lost their lives.—Central News.

GERMAN FIRE RAID VERSION

"Streets and factories" were mentioned as military objectives by the German radio yesterday, commenting on Sunday night's air raid on London.

The announcer said that as visibility was good important successes were obtained.

Many huge fires were stated to have been caused and an uninterrupted series of explosions, said the announcer, could be heard all over the city. He added that although the attack was only of short duration it was pressed home by strong formations and "came as a surprise so that the Luftwaffe sustained no losses."—Reuter.

IN SUNDAY NIGHT'S flagrantly indiscriminate attack on London, states an official communique, there was nowhere any attempt to single out targets of military importance, and some of the city's most historic buildings were destroyed or seriously damaged.

Much of this damage was seen by the Prime Minister and Mrs. Churchill when they visited the scene yesterday. When their presence became known they were accompanied by a great crowd of cheering Londoners.

"Good old Winston. Give it them back and remember we can take what we have had and much more," was the message given by City workers.

Firemen perched on roofs and gaily demolition squads rested from their labours to cheer Mr. and Mrs. Churchill.

No fewer than six famous churches were fired. The ancient Hall of the Girdlers Company was wrecked. Saint Paul's Cathedral was hit by incendiary bombs but was saved by prompt use of stirrup pumps by the Cathedral staff.

Guildhall Damage

Incendiaries which fell on the roof of Guildhall were similarly extinguished but later flames from the burning Church of Saint Laurence in Old Jewry spread across a small courthouse which remained undamaged and set fire to the roof of the Guildhall, with disastrous results to the building erected between 1411 and 1435 and to the cost of which the famous Lord Mayor, Sir Richard Whittington—"Turn Again" Whittington of nursery rhyme—contributed. It was named the Guildhall because the medieval Guilds met there.—British Wireless.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure has increased considerably over Manchuria. A moderate anticyclone now covers the whole of China and extends eastward to south Japan. A depression is moving eastward across Hokkaido.

CHINA FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT ON THE OUTLOOK

"IN 1941 THE UNITED STATES will increase her assistance to China and Britain; the Neutrality and Johnson Acts cannot prevent the United States from assisting the Democracies, in fact there is a possibility that both laws will be repealed."

So declares Dr. Chang Chung-fu, well-known authority on international affairs, in a special article published in the "Central Daily News," official organ of the Government, in Chungking to-day.

Dr. Chang, who formerly was head of the political Science Department of Peking University and is now Counsellor to the National Military Council, continues:

"Before the outbreak of war between the United States and Japan, it is possible that the former, aside from the embargo on exports to Japan and assistance to China, will control imports and increase pressure on Japan."

"Production of armaments will increase in the United States. The British rearmament programme will be completed and Britain's aircraft production may match or even excel Germany's."

"Then the European situation may take a new turn."—Reuter.



Photo shows: The German pilot, mentioned in accompanying picture, with his head bandaged, brought in by the lifeboat. (Copyright, Fox).

PART OF T.U.C. IN WAR

The great part played in the Battle for Britain by the Trades Union Congress is the subject of a review issued yesterday in London, and which shows how close and satisfactory is the collaboration between the Government and the T.U.C., which represents over 5,000,000 organised workers.

Goodwill on both sides and a united determination to defeat the Nazi menace and preserve democracy quickly swept away the initial difficulties.

The whole machinery is now working smoothly.

The T.U.C. is playing an increasingly important part in other spheres as well.

For instance, more canteens provided by the Unions for air-raid relief work have been inspected by the King at Buckingham Palace, while similar ones have done magnificent work in Coventry, Bristol and Birmingham.

Nearly £1,000,000 has been lent to the Government free of interest, and individual contributions in the T.U.C.'s Red Cross "Penny-a-week" scheme have already brought in thousands of pounds.—Reuter.

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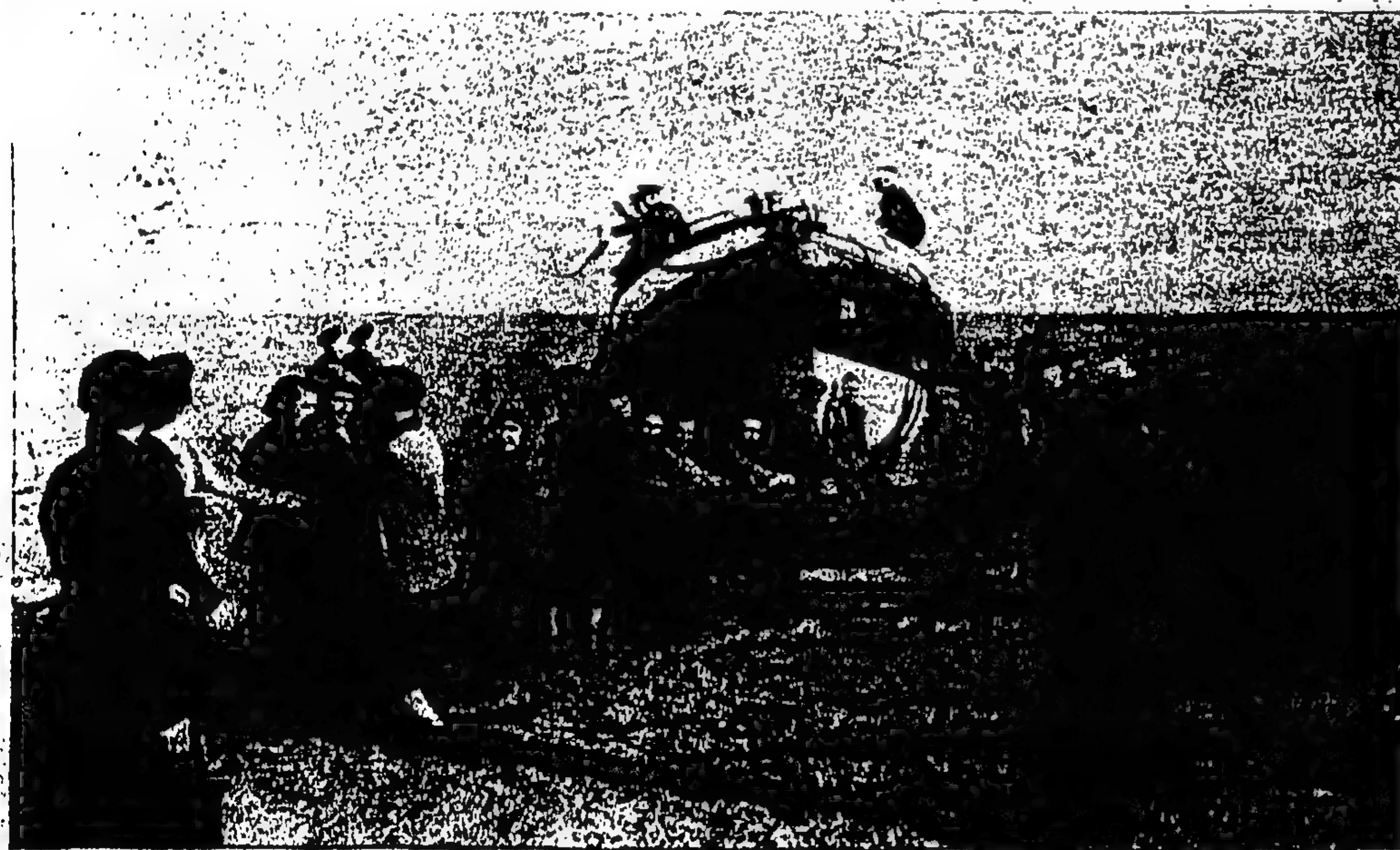
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BULGARIA'S POLICY RE-AFFIRMED

BULGARIA WILL not depart from her avowed policy of strict neutrality, declared M. Popoff, the Foreign Minister, in the Bulgarian Parliament yesterday.

M. Popoff emphasised there are no current causes requiring a change in the neutrality policy which has been clearly enunciated.

The statement was made during the debate on the Budget in which an ex-Minister had stated that the Bulgarian people had the right to ask the Government to clarify its foreign policy because they would defend Bulgaria with money and property.

M. Popoff also referred apparently to propaganda of Bulgarian Left Wing elements favouring closer cooperation with Russia.

He said the Bulgarian Government was resolutely determined not to listen to the Right or Left outside the National Assembly.

Soviet Changes

Meanwhile it is strongly rumoured in the Soviet Legation in Sofia that changes in personnel are imminent.

FRENCH SPIRIT REVIVING

Parisians Wear Tricolour

Though it is too early yet to know how far the heartening news of the expansion of Gen. de Gaulle's following has spread in France, there are various signs that a slow reawakening of national feeling is in progress.

The general impression to be gathered from the controlled Press is that the writers paid by Germany are hoping and praying for a rapid German victory, so that they may be proved right and escape from paying, sooner or later, the penalty of their treachery.

Meanwhile Gringoire, a scurrilous weekly, which lives on scandal and political "bits," is showing caution where Gen. de Gaulle is concerned. In the last issue to reach London, though the one paragraph in which the General is mentioned is unpleasant in tone it speaks of the "robust" answer which he made to the news that he had been sentenced to death—"We who go on fighting are all more or less sentenced to death, anyway."

This can only mean that Gringoire suspects that many of its readers have a soft spot in their hearts for the Free France movement. Otherwise it would attack him as it attacks Mr. Churchill.

Germans Nettled

M. Laval has had talks in Paris with Otto Abetz, the official representative in France of the German Foreign Office. This visit coincided with, though perhaps it did not provoke, an outburst of tricolour ribbons or blue, white and red flowers worn by Parisiennes. Rather nettled and puzzled by this, the Germans have instructed their hacks in the Paris Press to discourage it.

"La France au Travail" obediently did this. "It is in the worst possible taste," stated this organ. "We are all suffering from the same misery and are all French. Nobody needs to exhibit the national colours on his person to prove this."

In a word, the Germans are content so long as misery is displayed, but they fear and resent any show of courage. For this offence "Le Figaro," published in non-occupied territory, has been suspended for one day. For no apparent reason it recently published an article by M. Francois Mauriac extolling the principles of liberty.

Col. Masaloff, new military attaché, arrived recently. In view of the recent increase in Communist propaganda in Bulgaria such changes are believed to be important. — Reuter.

ALUMINIUM IN THE AIR

MORE THAN HALF THE ALUMINIUM WHICH THOUSANDS OF HOUSEHOLDERS GAVE TOWARDS WAR PRODUCTION HAS BEEN TURNED INTO THE MANUFACTURE OF AEROPLANES.

"The rest," stated Mr. R. A. Layton Bennett, Chairman of the Aluminium Appeal Committee, "will be ready to take the sky at the end of January."

Five hundred tons of aluminium pots and pans from army kitchens—sufficient for 500 'planes—will almost immediately, it is stated, be handed over by the War Office to the Ministry of Aircraft Production. — British Wireless.

CIGARS FOR THE PREMIER

A BOX OF CIGARS HAS BEEN SENT BY THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AS A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR MR. CHURCHILL.

The box is presented by the leaders of the four political parties of the People's Council.

The inscription on the box pays tribute to Mr. Churchill's energy, doggedness and leadership. — Reuter.

NATIONAL SURVEY FOR SCRAP IRON

The national survey undertaken by the Ministry of Supply to bring to war furnaces all available scrap iron is being extended to Lancashire and Yorkshire. Somerset and Glamorgan have already been surveyed. Scotland, London and the four North of England counties are in process of survey. — British Wireless.

GOOD UNDERTONE IN STOCK MARKET

Although business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was only of a spasmodic character the undertone was satisfactory. Furthermore President Roosevelt's speech and the terms of the new 2½ per cent War Bonds and three per cent Savings Bonds, indicating Government's intention to adhere to a cheap money policy, created a good impression. Gilt-edged were rather irregular but several industrials made headway. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

F.M.S. DONATION

A further contribution of £8,000 from the Federated Malay States War Fund and £5,000 from the Lord Provost of Aberdeen Fighter Fund (the latter making £20,000 in all) are among gifts acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production. — British Wireless.

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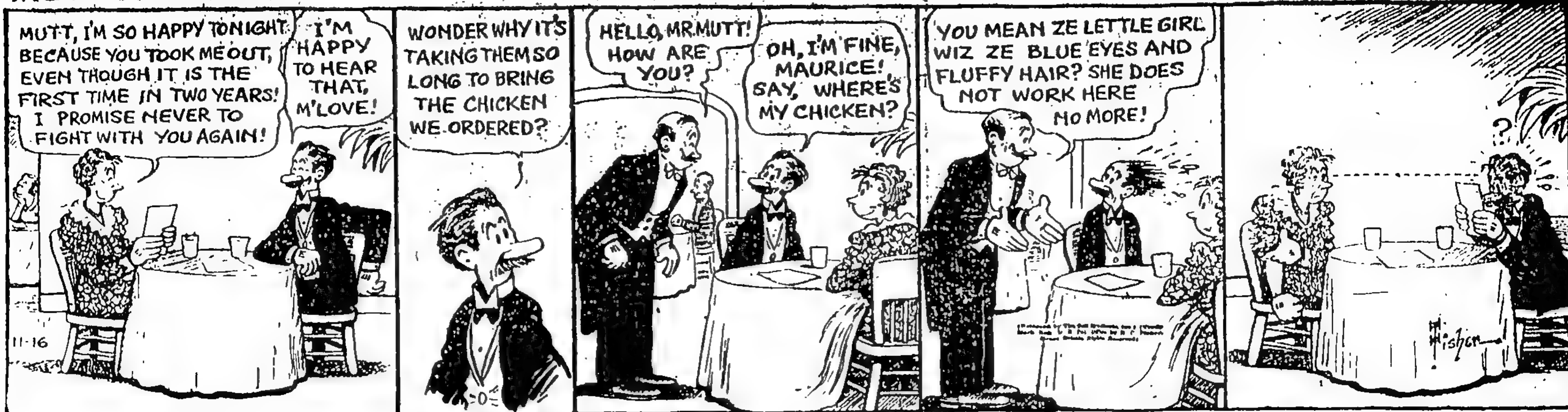


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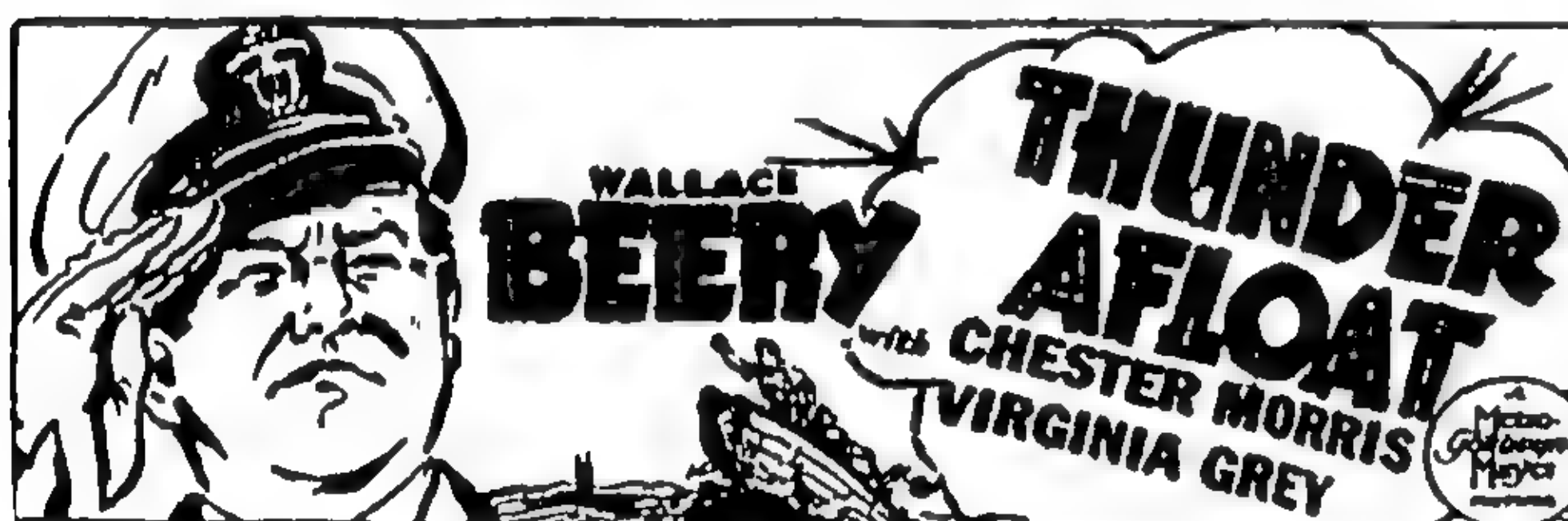
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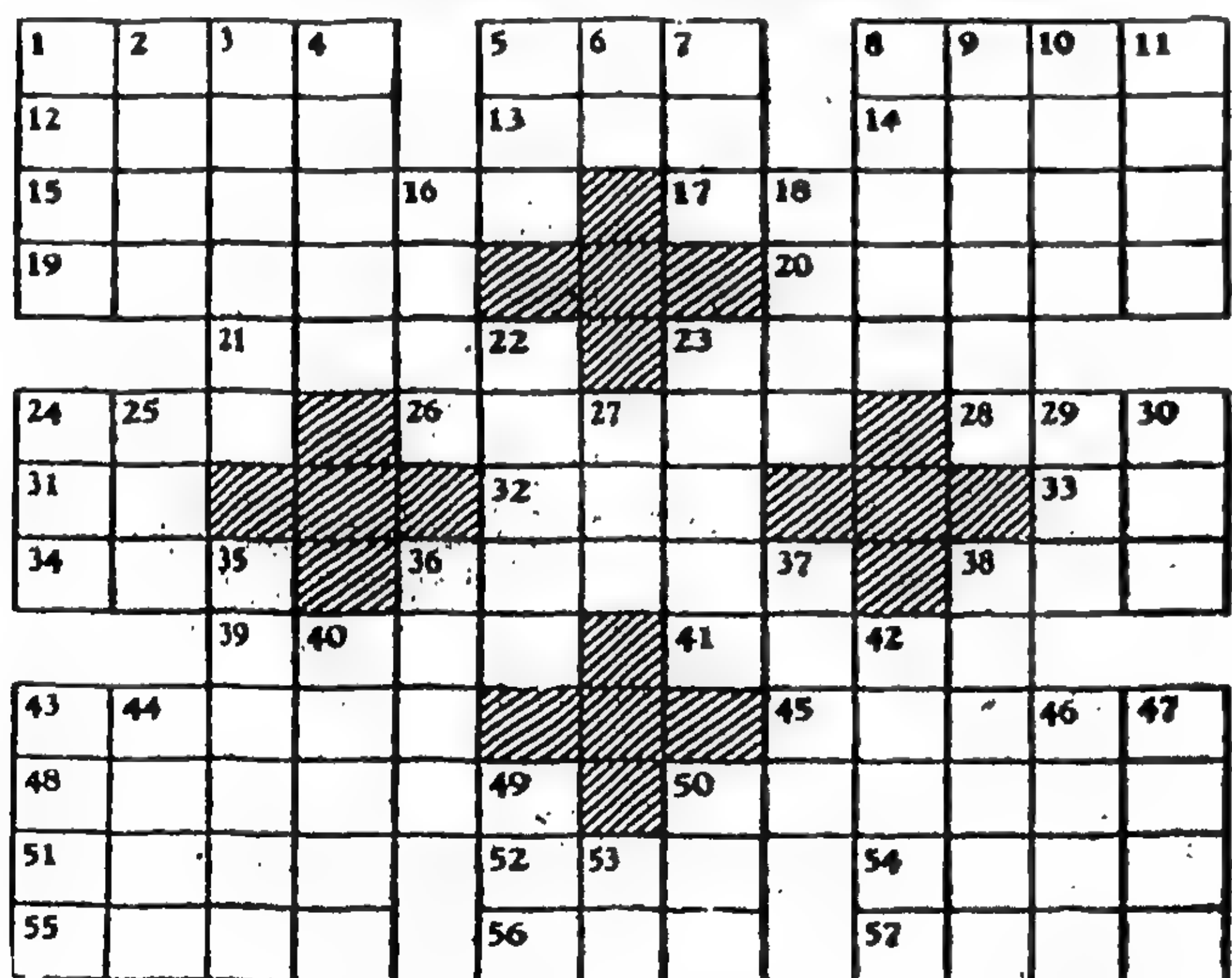


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- 5 By what means
- 8 Moslem judge
- 12 Biblical garden
- 13 Fruit drink
- 14 Landed
- 15 To deprive
- 17 Ox-like
- 19 Quiet
- 20 Excavator
- 21 Shakespearean character
- 23 Abrading instrument
- 24 Female deer
- 26 To shroud
- 28 Pigeon
- 31 Land measure
- 32 Light marriage
- 33 Hawaiian bird
- 34 Sweet potato
- 35 Capital of France
- 36 French coin
- 38 Latin poet
- 41 Trial
- 43 Silk fabric

VERTICAL

- 45 Mexican poplar
- 48 Ascended
- 50 Cowardly
- 51 Colloquial: to vex
- 52 Trouble
- 54 Part of ship
- 55 Roman date
- 56 To haul
- 57 Whirlpool

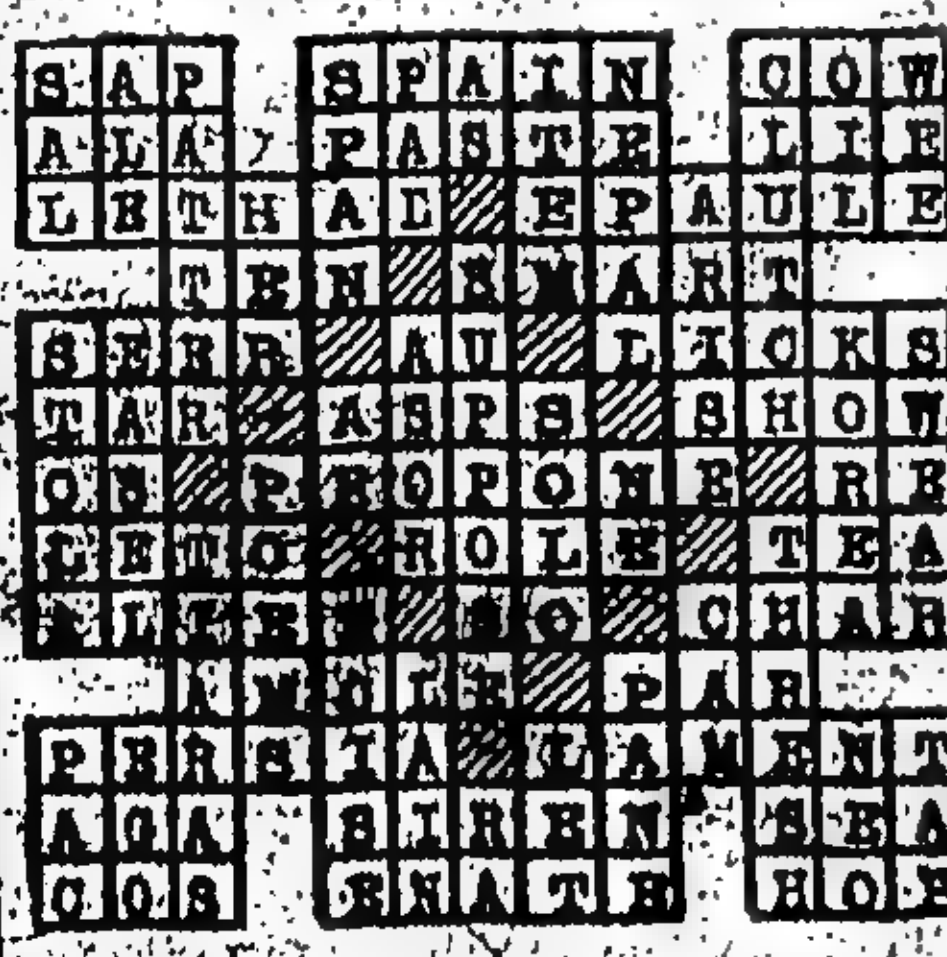
VERTICAL

- 1 Spreads for drying
- 2 Mine entrance
- 3 To insult
- 4 To anoint
- 5 Head covering
- 6 Hypothetical force
- 7 Trap
- 8 To criticise

PLACES IN ROWS

- 9 Places in rows
- 10 To sup
- 11 Roman highway
- 16 European
- 18 To leave out
- 22 Stiff
- 23 Combat
- 24 Twenty-four hours
- 25 Anglo-Saxon money
- 27 Thip
- 29 Also
- 30 Pronoun
- 33 Causing movement
- 34 Climbing plant
- 37 Period of time
- 38 Broke in pieces
- 40 Signatures of approval
- 42 To quench
- 43 Hindu woman's garment
- 44 Barren
- 45 Reward
- 47 Except
- 48 Burmese demon
- 50 To frighten
- 53 Note of scale

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DUTCH AIRMEN WITH R.A.F.

Units of the Royal Dutch Naval Air Service now cooperating with the R.A.F. Coastal Command have attacked several U-boats in the Atlantic. They have also a fine record of air combats in which Dutch tenacity has routed the enemy.

Using their own aircraft, which they flew over to Britain when Holland fell, they lost no time in beginning operations with the R.A.F.

Many of their officers and men are married, with families in Holland of whom they have heard nothing. They live for the day when they will assist in driving the invader from their country.

Meantime they are popular members of the messes they share with the R.A.F. For all purposes of Service life they live in exactly the same conditions as their R.A.F. colleagues. At one flying boat station in the West Country, all the Dutch officers speak English, most of them quite well.

Quietly cheerful, ready for any task, and unsparing of themselves in the performance of duty, they are ideal allies and trusted friends.

BRIDE SWORN TO SILENCE

An English officer's American fiancée has been sworn to silence about her wedding plans by the British authorities.

Her lover is overseas, and an indiscreet word about where he is stationed might imperil him and his men.

Hush-hush bride whose romance could betray military secrets is Miss Dorothy West, niece of Governor Leverett Saltonstall, of Massachusetts.

She is on her word of honour not to reveal, even to her relatives, the date and place of the wedding. She herself is at present unaware of her fiancé's whereabouts, because the authorities refuse to reveal it. And now she has sailed from America to an undisclosed destination to marry Captain, T. Desmond Butler, a native of Somerset, who is with his regiment somewhere in Africa.

Her sister, Miss Mary West, said in New York: "Dorothy, a fine horsewoman, met Captain Butler while hunting in Ireland five years ago. Captain Butler is thirty-five.

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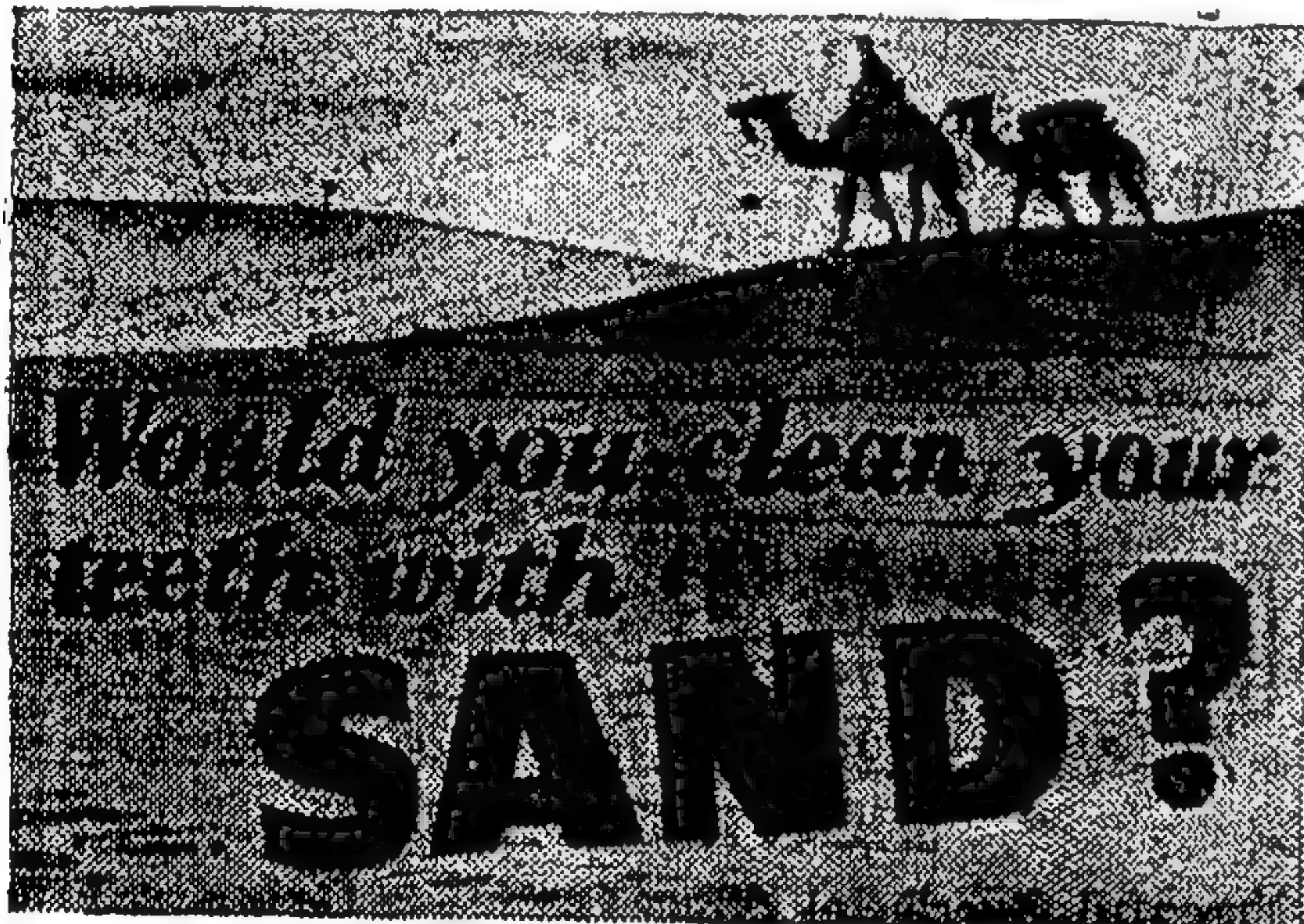
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Nazis Not Amused By The Roosevelt Speech

WHILE THE UNITED STATES and Britain welcome President Roosevelt's great speech, the Axis Powers did not find it quite so palatable, Germany itself is carefully avoiding all discussion on the speech or any mention of it to the German people.

The junior partners of the Axis are a little less reserved, Signor Gayda (Mussolini's pet mouth-piece) threatening the United States, while Japanese circles intimate that they regard his statement of policy as being one of continued American help to Free China.

A Columbia Broadcasting Corporation summed up early American press reactions as being that America is now facing the battle of defence.

Senate circles were reported to have given the speech considerable praise.

In Buenos Aires and Mexico City, the speech was welcomed as a plain statement that America stands by democracy.

In New Zealand, Mr. Fraser, the Prime Minister, said that the tide which has now turned in our favour will carry us to a battlefield of our own choosing and the decisive blow for which we are preparing.

He quoted President "Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill" on democracy and said that his people were proud at being able to help in the battle to save not only New Zealand and the Empire but mankind itself.

Indictment Of Nazism

Authoritative London circles say that the speech is further proof of the realism of the American attitude to the dangers to democracy.

President Roosevelt's speech is one of the most powerful and logical indictments of Nazism ever made, they state, and his reference to the futility of appeasement is noted with special satisfaction.

His statement that the United States must become the "arsenal of democracy" and his assertion that the aggressors will be ultimately defeated will be a source of inspiration and courage to Britain.

In Germany, President Roosevelt's speech is hidden from the people, and there is no official reaction.

A Wilhelmstrasse spokesman said that he could make no statement.

Ominous Quiet

The Berlin correspondent of the Swiss paper "Basler Nachrichten" says that the German press, for the time being, has called off the campaign warning President Roosevelt not to intensify American aid to Britain.

"There is an ominous quiet in the political atmosphere of Berlin," he reports.

Italian political circles assume indifference, and say they find nothing to worry about in the call for increased help for Britain. Nevertheless, Signor Gayda warns President Roosevelt that "Axis tolerance is limited."

Writing in the "Giornale d'Italia," Signor Gayda calls the speech a "statement of undeclared war." The Axis Powers (he says) will not strike back at the United States unless she tries to interfere with the country's blockade or codes to Britain. German and Italian ships tied up in American ports.

The Tokyo reaction is reported to be that the speech is regarded as a commitment of further American aid to China. — Reuter.

MR. SOONG RETURNING?

It was rumoured in Chinese financial circles this morning that Mr. T. V. Soong, China's financial expert, will shortly return from America to report in detail to the Chungking Government. It is added that he will not proceed to England, as previously predicted.

SAFE ABOARD DINGHY

The rescue of the crew of an R.A.F. bomber which landed on the sea after a night attack on barges off the Dutch coast is described as follows by the observer.

"The starboard engine conked out just as the aircraft had run into a severe storm over the North Sea," he said. "There was lightning all round the aircraft and the flashes repeatedly lit up the cockpit. With only one engine working it was impossible to maintain height and orders were given to abandon the aircraft."

"One of the crew went aft and took to the dinghy; another collected all the Vercy light cartridges and a third came along with a pistol. The captain brought the aircraft down with power still on, and rough as the sea was, he made a satisfactory landing."

"Within a minute or two we were all safe in the dinghy and began to fire the Vercy lights to attract attention."

"Above us we could hear aircraft on their way to bomb more barges. The first one passed over without seeing our signals but we had little doubt of an early rescue. We were very wet and tired and wedged ourselves more tightly in the dinghy to keep warm."

"A quarter of an hour later we heard another aircraft and fired more Vercy light. This time they were seen and the bomber, after circling the area, wirelessed our location home before continuing on its way to the night's objective."

"Time then passed very quickly. We nodded a bit and shot off some more lights, and soon afterwards a naval vessel picked us up. The salt water in our clothes had dried but we were stiff and a little exhausted."

STILL ROOM IN THE R.A.F.

Every week that passes enables the Royal Air Force to absorb and employ more of the available talent and energy of the younger generation—both men and women.

Wireless mechanics are still wanted. Applicants should have a sound knowledge of the theory and practice of wireless sets and practical experience of the radio trade. Tradesmen rather than instrument makers are required.

New opportunities for men anxious to undertake air crew duties have resulted in a speeding up of enrolment. There is still room for pilots, wireless operator, gunners and observers. Accepted candidates are now usually called up for training without undue delay.

Intelligent women between the ages of 18 and 43 will find an opening as radio operators in the W.A.A.F. Free training is provided for this interesting work.

U.S.A. "HAUGHTY CHILD"

Strong opposition to any policy of appeasing the United States is voiced by Mr. Soho Tokutomi, Japanese historian and veteran journalist, in an article in the "Nichi Nichi."

"The way for our country to be at peace with America," he declares, "is by replenishing armaments to an extent which will deter it from approaching us. We must do that. Diplomacy and negotiation come next."

Continuing, Mr. Tokutomi says, "The United States has provoked Japan a great number of times. It is no exaggeration to say 300 times. Certainly there are limits to Japan's endurance. The last five years have witnessed a succession of American acts of provocation against our country."

"High Horse"

"The United States is the haughtiest child of the world. There is a saying to the effect that the prosperity of the haughty is short-lived. I wonder how much longer America will elect to ride the high horse. There is another saying to the effect that a man who avoids being provocative can hope to be in safety."

"We do not wish to provoke. But it will be too much for us to accept provocative acts. Are the Japanese prepared to meet the worst? Whether the Americans will be on their guard or off is no matter of concern to us. The Japanese must see that they are on their guard."

So long as we are prepared, America will be hesitant about going beyond intimidating us. Should we be off our guard, he sure that America will descend upon us.

"At the time of the Shanghai incident War Secretary Henry Stimson of the United States, then Secretary of State, tried to have his country take supreme action against our country. He was prevented only by the navy which disapproved of the idea of a clash with Japan. The Japanese must be prepared for a repetition of the episode."

"We are flatly opposed to a policy of currying favour with America. Should we fawn upon America, it will be judged as a sign of weakness." — Reuter.

VICHY EDUCATION DECREE

Reform of school administration, aimed at eliminating "all political and local influences" from French State Schools, is introduced by a new decree in Vichy yesterday.

One of the main objects of the decree is to eliminate the influence of teachers who were members of the formerly influential Teachers' Trade Union.

In future teachers' representatives on departmental school councils will be appointed by the Minister of Education. — Reuter.

POLICE IN PISTOL BATTLE

Guided by a victimised junk master, the Police yesterday proceeded to Shatau in the New Territories and arrested five alleged robbers after an exchange of fire. One man was wounded and has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital. Seven others escaped.



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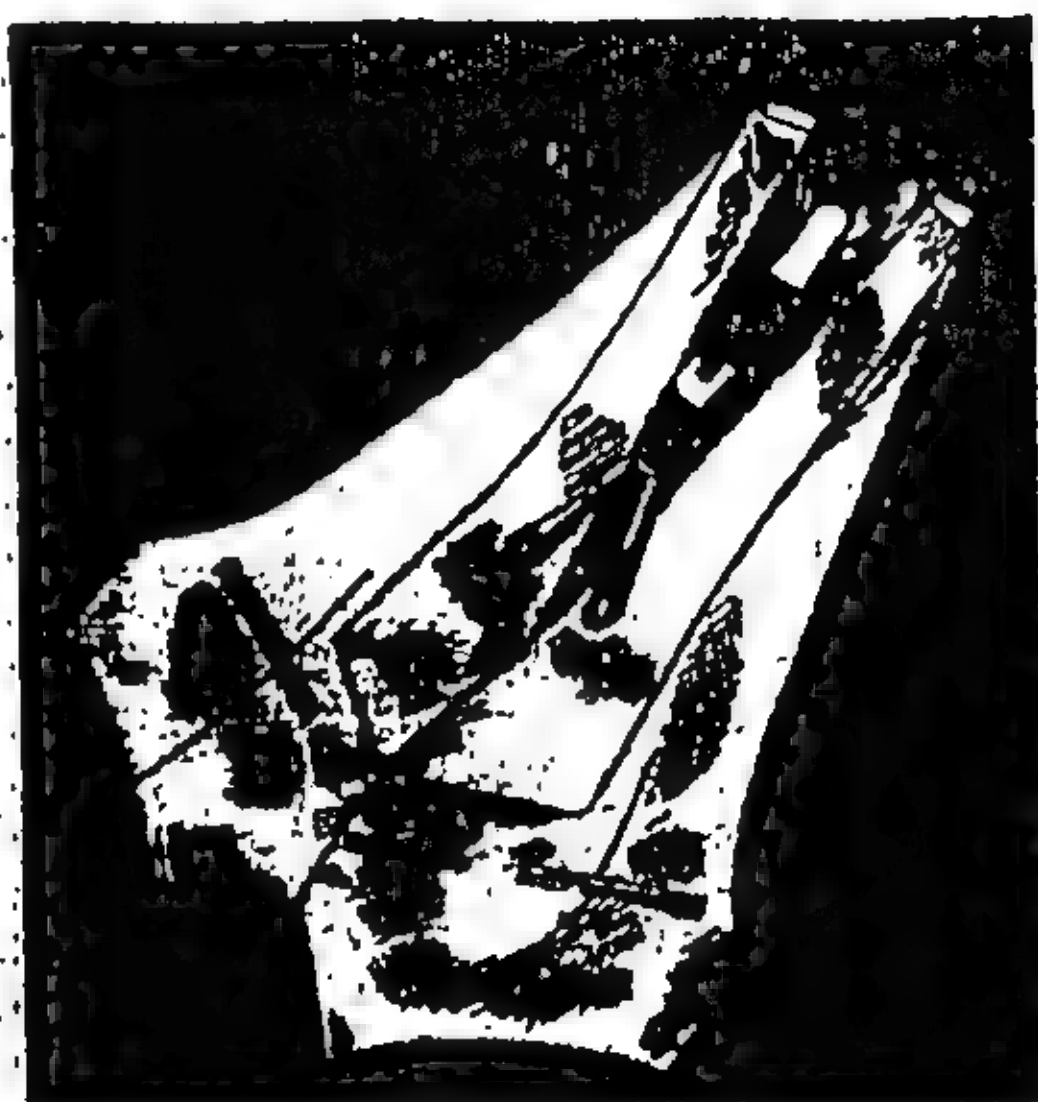
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A.T.S. GIRLS RESCUE RAID VICTIMS

TEARING WITH their hands at the debris, A.T.S. girls helped to free people trapped beneath shattered masonry when a high explosive bomb hit a London cinema in a night raid.

Although light streamed from the cinema through the broken wall and there was constant danger of further bombs falling, the girls insisted on helping with the rescue work.

Two more bombs fell in the district, but the girls still carried on.

One pretty, fair-haired A.T.S. girl pillowed the head of a man trapped by debris. She gave him a cigarette and tried to comfort him by talking to him.

He was in pain, but he smiled at her as he said: "This is almost worth being bombed."

Not until demolition squads and ambulances arrived did the girls consent to leave. Even then they pulled broken doorways from the heaps of rubble to form stretchers for the injured.

Men who were in the cinema when the bomb fell helped to prevent a panic.

They led women into the streets and then returned to release their friends trapped beneath the debris.

Injured Helped Too

A Roman Catholic priest hurried to the cinema and helped in the rescue work. Covered with brick dust, he spoke to the men as they lay buried under masonry.

Within a few minutes of the bomb dropping most of the injured had been freed and had been taken to hospital. Some of the men who had been injured carried on, helping to free those who were still trapped, refusing to have their own injuries dressed.

Soon after the night alert in the London area, enemy planes flying at a great height dropped a number of flares over the capital. A heavy barrage of A.A. guns broke out, several of the flares were shot down, and the planes fled without waiting to drop their bombs.

A low circling plane dropped three oil bombs on one London district. One fell between large blocks of flats and started a fire which was quickly put out, but it is feared that some people were hurt.

A Dornier that was chased across a south-east coast town by a Spitfire, jettisoned its bombs, hitting a church, a cinema, and other buildings. As it fled the Dornier sprayed the promenade with cannon-gun shells.

While a Hurricane pilot attacked a Dornier bomber only 50ft. above the sea, A.A. gunners shot down a German fighter-bomber flying nearly five miles high over Dover.

After a few rounds at a white speck in the sky the battery scored a direct hit and the M.E. spiralled down in flames from 24,000ft. into the sea.

The Hurricane pilot, a sergeant, had been patrolling off the east coast when he sighted the Dornier below him, skimming over the sea.

Chasing the bomber for ten miles, the Hurricane pilot caught it up and fired several bursts at close range. When the sergeant had to make for his base, the Dornier was out over the North Sea limping for home severely damaged.

Spitfires shot down a Junkers 87 dive bomber, the first to visit Britain for six weeks, into the Thames Estuary.

TWO ROBBERIES ON THE PEAK

Mr. D. G. Way, of No. 353, The Peak, has informed the police of the theft of a marble clock, valued at \$180, from his residence on Sunday.

Mr. R. H. Woodman, of No. 566, The Peak, has informed the police of the theft of clothing and a telescope from his house during last night.

CHINA'S WAR ON OPIUM

In a message to the nation, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has announced the termination of the Six-Year Opium Suppression Programme and warned that the death penalty may be imposed on any opium producer, addict or trafficker arrested hereafter.

The Generalissimo stated that, according to reports submitted by different provincial and municipal governments, the opium suppression work provided in the programme had been brought to a conclusion, and all licenced opium supplying organs have been closed down.

"Beginning from New Year's Day," the Generalissimo enjoined, "all Chinese should march on the road of glory and rejuvenation spiritually and physically, and should redouble their efforts for the elimination of the last trace of the opium evil."

Despite the termination of the six-year programme, suppressive measures will continue at all times and in all places.

"Chinese in enemy-occupied areas should fight against the Japanese policy of narcotisation in the same courageous spirit as in the battlefield," Generalissimo Chiang instructed.

The National Government have also issued a mandate announcing completion of the Opium Suppression Programme and instructing provincial and municipal governments to ensure the

NEW MASTER

"The new order only means new master," declares the semi-official Istanbul newspaper, "Ulus," commenting on an Italian plan for European economy.

"In this plan," says the newspaper, "all the nations are subject to slavery. It is just not only to recall the greatness of ancient Rome, but also its death."

NAZI KULTUR IN FRANCE

Systematic attempts are being made by the German authorities in Paris to stamp out French culture, according to visitors now in the United States from Switzerland and quoted by Edgar Mowrer, Washington correspondent of the Chicago "Daily News."

Three Germans, Kruess, director of the Berlin State Library, Becker and Fuchs, also librarians, he says, constitute a commission in Paris under whose orders all books felt to be contrary to the Nazi spirit are removed from public and private libraries and from bookstalls. At the same time, booksellers have been forced to display German propaganda works.

Catholic documents have also been seized, and according to Mowrer's informant the "Germans tried with physical violence to wrest Vatican correspondence from the hands of Cardinal Lienart, Archbishop of Lille."

total elimination of opium, declaring that in this campaign lies the foundation of national rejuvenation.—Central News.

WHIP BOYS, J.P.s TOLD

MAGISTRATES IN Leicestershire have been asked to whip boys and girls to check juvenile crime. But they don't seem to like the idea.

"We have been erring too much on the side of sentimentality, and instead of probation many of these offenders should have been birched," says Mr. Victor Pachin, of Barkby Hall, Leicestershire, chairman of the probation committee of the county.

His committee, which comprises half a dozen magistrates, has circularised the rest of the magistrates pointing out the increase in juvenile crime in the county.

The circular reminded the magistrates of their powers to order whipping and asked them to consider these powers to stop crime waves.

The probation committee were unanimous in their decision to issue the circular, but their request has so far met with little response.

Alderman J. W. West, of Coalville, told a reporter: "We did consider ordering the birch in one or two cases, but we have not done so yet."

Before the Act was passed the House of Lords three times inserted the birching clause and twice the House of Commons knocked it out.

"At the third time the House of Commons considered that other useful provisions in the Bill might

be jeopardised, and they allowed the birching clause to remain."

"Sneer At Probation"
"Magistrates have been considering this new request to order whipping in the light of that Parliamentary attitude."

Mr. Pachin said: "The work of probation officers is increasing to such an extent that it makes one wonder if the system of probation has failed."

"It is possible that we shall have to revert to taking note of the old adage, Spare the rod and spoil the child."

"In many cases children now meet at probation. They sometimes commit an offence while on probation, in the knowledge that all that will happen to them is that their period of probation will be extended."

"At one court no fewer than thirty-six juveniles were put on probation in one day."

"There is no corresponding decrease in crime."

BRITAIN MAY HAVE TO USE HER BATTLESHIPS

THE GERMAN sea blockade may soon force the British government to alter a fundamental policy of the Royal Navy and throw battleships of the line into the risky business of convoying merchant ships.

The British almost came to that pass in the world war when, as the American Admiral Sims put it, submarine warfare had starved the British to within six weeks of surrender.

But the convoy system answered the U-boat. At first destroyers were assigned to escort vital supplies. Battleships stood by for later use. The destroyers did so well, the battleships never were used.

And so the battleships remained the backbone of the grand fleet, carried out time-honoured British policy to remain intact, wait for the supreme moment of life or death for the empire.

This time it is different.

Threat Is Greater

The submarine-raider-plane menace is a German triple threat greater to-day than in 1917, although the British public isn't aware of it yet. Here are eight reasons why:

1. The Germans have the western tip of France, saving their subs and surface raiders and planes hundreds of miles of risky ocean travel from home bases to convoy lanes and back.

2. The Germans as ever are perfect co-ordinators. They have blended the attack of their subs and pocket battleships and planes—and they are working them all from the same base—L'Orient, France.

3. The British gave up by their treaty with Ireland in 1938, naval bases at Lough Swilly, Berehaven and Cobh. That makes their flotillas go 200 miles to 400 miles farther for refueling and repair.

4. In the world war, the British had the help of the French, Italian, Japanese, and later the American fleets for blockade, patrol, and convoy. To-day they face the task of blockading Europe, fighting in the Mediterranean, and patrolling far eastern waters all alone.

5. At the start of the world war, the British had more than 500 destroyers. Counting the 50 old ships we sent them recently they have no more than 200 destroyers to-day.

Only One Lane

6. Ireland's stubborn neutrality and the German conquest of France forced the British to forsake two of their convoy lanes—through the English channel to London, and through St. George's channel to the Irish sea and Liverpool. That leaves one lane around the northern tip of Ireland, on which the Germans can concentrate.

7. Nearby Scandinavia and France supplied many vital war supplies and much food to Britain during the world war. To-day the British must bring in their supplies from far-flung posts of empire, South America and the United States.

8. The British had well over 16,000,000 tons of long-range merchant shipping at the start of the world war. They had only 13,000,000 tons when this war started. Recently they've been losing 100,000 tons a week. Even with the neutral shipping they've acquired, the best estimates indicate they have only 12,000,000 tons to-day.

Two immediate solutions of the problem are possible. The first is to get the Irish bases they need so desperately for aeroplane observation. But that might mean bloodshed, since Eamon de Valera will never consent to abandon neutrality.

The other way is to convoy merchant ships with battleships. Battleships or battle cruisers can outrun and outrange Germany's pocket battleships. Battleships, or battle cruisers can withstand the withering attack of dive bombers. With destroyer screens, they have better than an even chance to escape the submarines.

Risk Still Heavy

But there's still a heavy risk, for the Germans have co-ordinated

their attack. It's like this: all three weapons are used for both observation and attack. An observation plane sights British merchant vessels gathering for convoy 700 miles out. It reports back to L'Orient by radio. L'Orient sends out subs and surface raiders and a bombing squadron of planes. The surface raiders hang far out to sea, risking no trap. But their guns can outrange a destroyer convoy.

So, the question now up in the British high command is whether to risk battleships singly to protect vital war supplies.

The British had fifteen battleships when the war started. They lost the Royal Oak to a submarine. Three battle cruisers, the Renown, the Repulse and the Hood, can also cope with planes, subs and surface raiders. That makes 17. But five battleships at least are in the Mediterranean. One or two more, perhaps, in the Far East.

Aces in the hole are the five, 30-knot battleships started in 1937. They are either ready for action, or are even now with the grand fleet somewhere off northern England.

The German triple threat is bait for these battleships. But the empire lifeline is in danger. The British may have to throw 'em in—and hope for the best.

DOCTORS PROBE BY RADIO

The wireless set is the newest ally of surgery. Doctors are using them in hospitals where people injured by bomb splinters are being treated.

The surgeon has only to connect an insulated "probe" to the wireless set, "tune in," and the presence of bomb fragments in the body can be detected rapidly.

When the "probe" touches a bomb fragment in the body it produces a loud click or scratching noise in the loud-speaker, easily distinguishable from the sounds made by bone fragments, or non-metallic objects.

Dr. James S. Hall, of Victoria Infirmary, Deal, describes the procedure in the "British Medical Journal." He writes:

No Music

"Take any valve-operated wireless set to the patient, switch it on, and open out the volume control.

"If a programme is heard, tune it out, leaving the set in a sensitive condition. Connect a few feet of wire ending in an insulated probe to the aerial terminal or socket, and the apparatus is complete."

"As the noise heard is due to capacity changes in the aerial circuit of the set, touching the patient's A.R.P. badge or tie-pin would give no result, while a ring on his finger or a piece of bomb in his buttock yields a loud and distinct click, the noise in the speaker increasing with the size of the metallic object touched."

BARRACKS LOSS

Sapper Bayack, of the Royal Engineers, has reported the theft of a gold finger ring, valued at \$70, from his quarters in Wellington Barracks yesterday.

PUMP STOLEN

A motor pump valued at \$50, was stolen last night from the Heep Yunn Girls' School, Kowloon City.

FRANKFURT TARGET BOMBED

One objective raid by British bombers in Germany on Sunday night was a military objective in the Frankfurt area, it was learned in London last night, says Reuter.

SERVANTS QUARTERS RAIDED

The servants' quarters of No. 5, Carnarvon Road, were raided by the police yesterday morning, resulting in the arrest of seven men and two women.

The quarters were alleged to have been used for gambling by Cheng Wan-chau, 32, cook, who was fined \$50 by Mr. E. Hims-worth at Kowloon this morning.

The other eight persons had bail of \$2 each estreated on failing to appear.

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North, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 4
♥ A K Q 10 5
♦ K Q J 3
♣ 10 5
 ♠ Q 10 5
♥ 8 4
♦ 8 6
♣ Q J 9 8
 ♠ 7
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ A 9 7 5
♣ 4 2
 ♠ K J 9 8 6 3 2
♥ 7 3
♦ 10
♣ A K 7

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
 2♦ Pass 3♠ Pass
 5♠ Pass 6♠ Pass

South took the opening club lead with the club Ace and thought first of leading out the Ace and King of trumps. If the trump Queen fell, he could finish drawing trumps and then easily take the slam with dummy's top hearts. But he saw in time that if the trump

Queen failed to fall, the slam would depend on getting a very good heart break. Since, as a matter of fact, the hearts were not well distributed, South was very wise to reject this play.

The play which next occurred to South was to take the club King, ruff the low club, cash the trump Ace and then run the top hearts. If two rounds of hearts got by safely, the slam was home; for he could discard the losing diamond on the third heart and then could afford to give up a trump trick.

The only flaw in this play was the order of the tricks. There was no reason to ruff the club before cashing the Ace of trumps. So at the second trick, South led a trump to dummy's Ace and then returned a club to his own King. The next step was to ruff the low club; and when East discarded, South congratulated himself on his effective precaution. He then laid down dummy's high hearts, discarding the losing diamond on the last. West could ruff if he liked, but couldn't win another trick.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

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♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ Q 10 5

The bidding:

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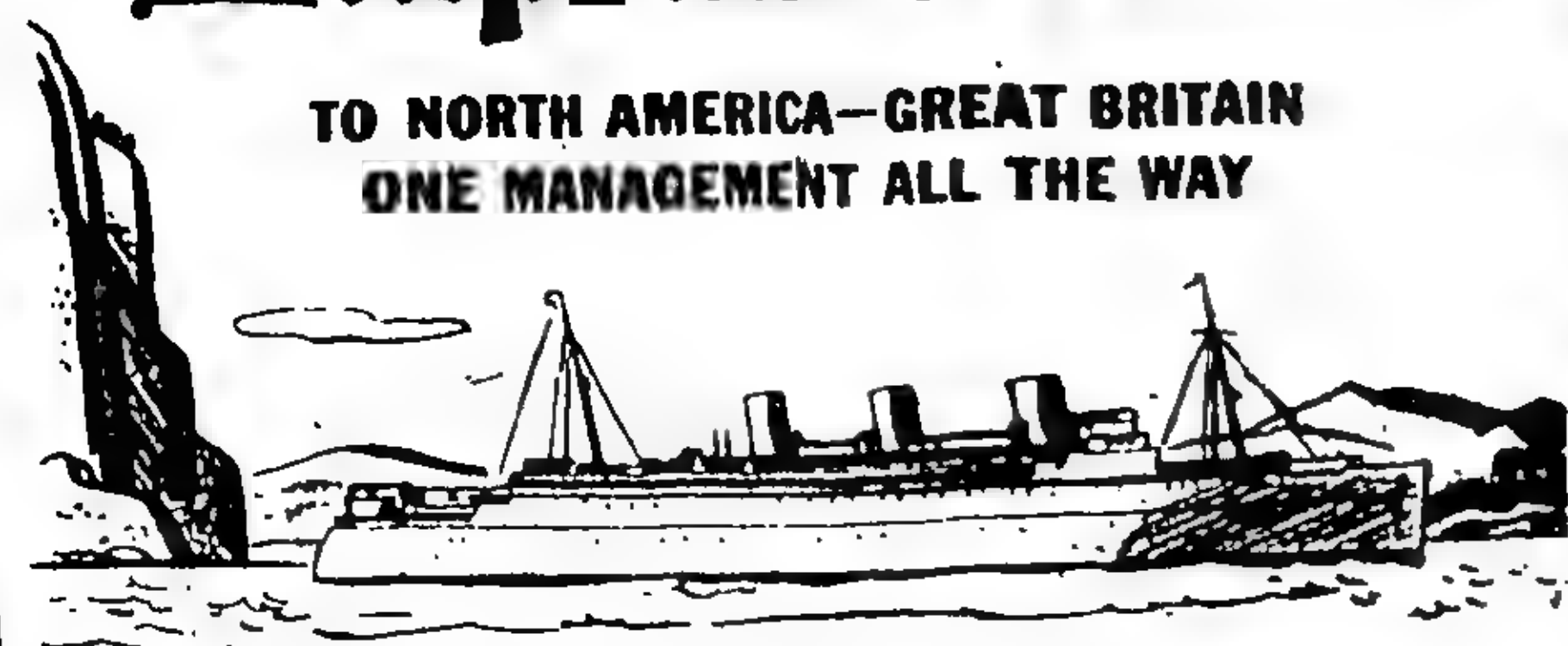
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Variety.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Mavis Bennett (Soprano) and Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

8.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.32 p.m.—Dellus—Sea Drift.

John Brownlee (Baritone) and the London Select Choir with the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Variety.

8.41 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Scotts Ahead."

9.45 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 4 in F Flat Major, Op. 60.

10.17 p.m.—Vladimir Horowitz at the Piano.

10.30 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan's "Rudigore."

11.45 p.m.—Light Orchestral.

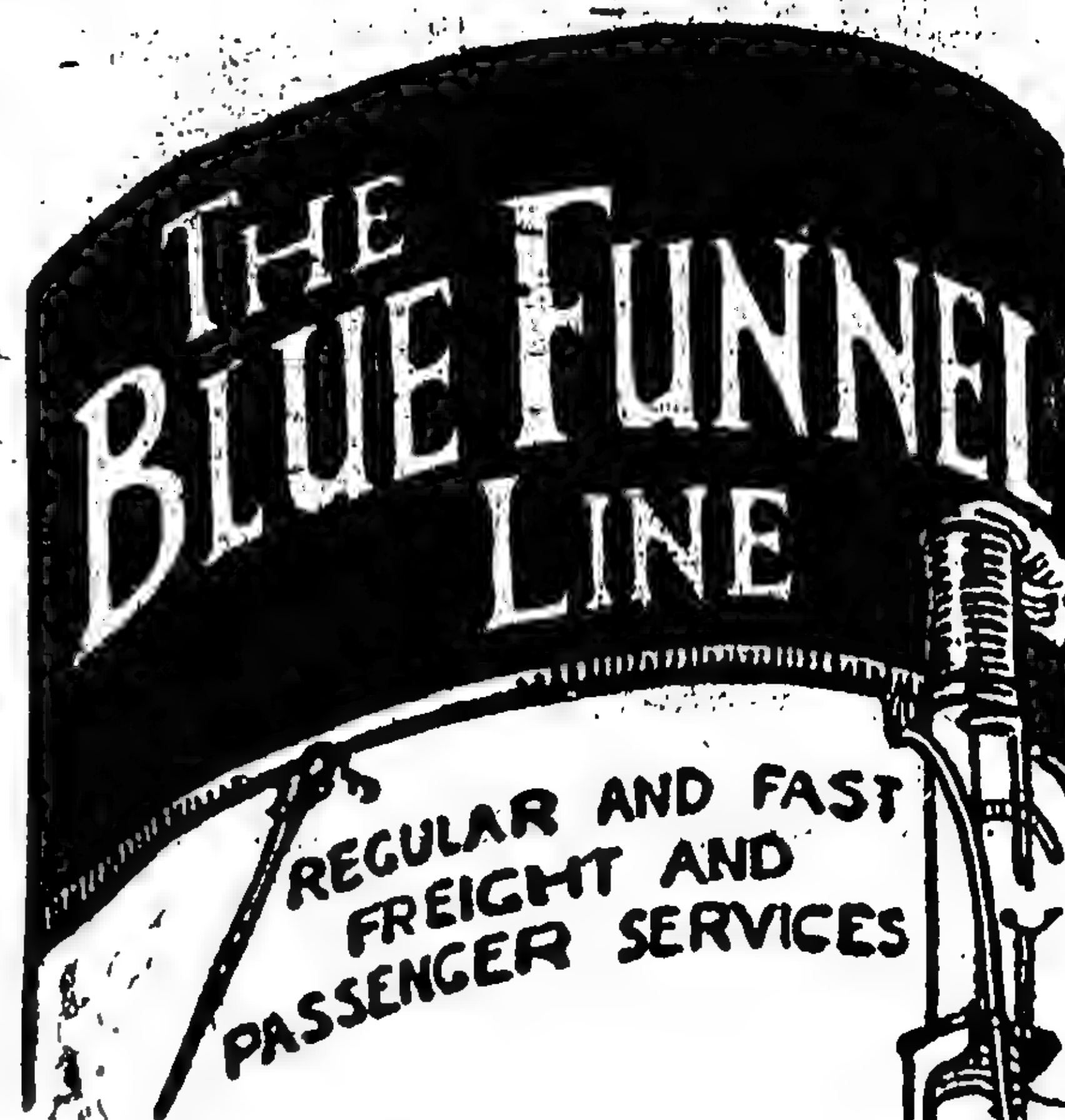
Light Cavalry—Overture. (Suppe).

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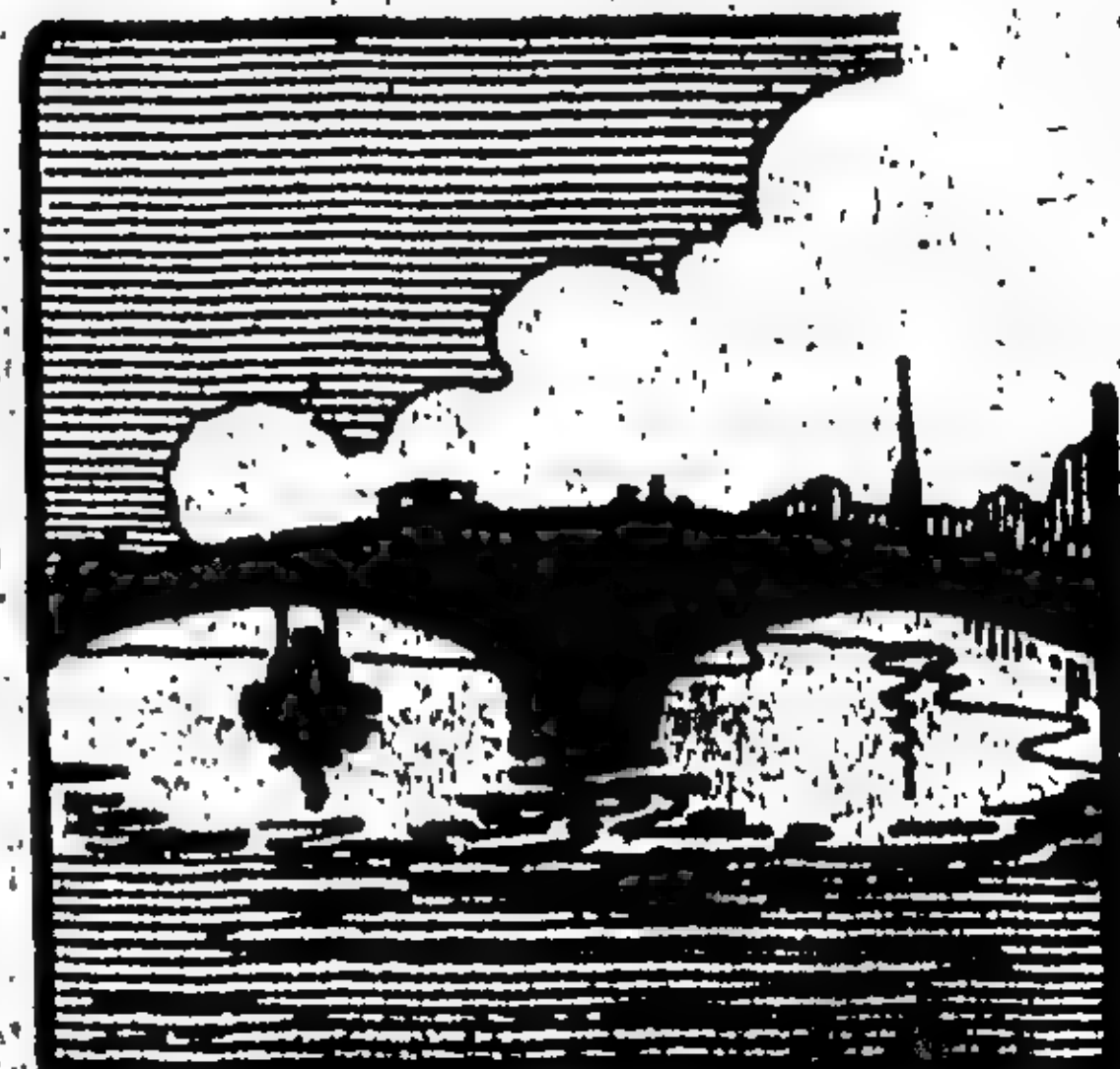
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9.40 " P. Cox, A. V. Greaves
9.44 " G. M. Park, A. W. Bourne
9.48 " Col. Rose, F. A. Redmond.

9.52 " Lieut. Carter, Capt. Thursby
9.56 " Capt. Barclay, J. G. Jensen
10.20 " R. L. S. Webb, W. Sharp
New Course
9.24 a.m. Mrs. Rowell, J. C. Brown
10.20 " A. A. and Mrs. Bremner.

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Recent Fight For World Title

JOE LOUIS retained his world heavyweight championship by scoring a technical knockout over Al McCoy in the sixth round of a fifteen-round bout in Boston on December 16.

None of the sports scribes gave McCoy the slightest chance of victory. But they were clearly surprised by the fact that the husky heavyweight lasted as long as he did against the deadly-hitting negro.

McCoy was somewhat of a frightened human punching bag, but he startled the spectators by lasting five full rounds.

McCoy An Elusive One

The spectators paid their money to see Louis in the role of the perfect executioner who would waste no time in chopping down his foe. But they stayed to see him miss an elusive target.

McCoy's speed, his nimble feet and his bobbing and weaving tactics enabled him to evade the stigma of suffering a speedy, outright knockout.

The only time that Louis landed one of its deadly blows with full force, McCoy crumbled to the canvas. That was in the fifth round and it led to the technical

knockout, for Al failed to answer the bell for the sixth.

A smashing right to the kidneys floored Al in the fifth but he rose upon the count of one. His left eye, however, was closed so badly that he was unable to see clearly. Although he weathered the rest of the round he did not come back for the next canto.—United Press.

LOUIS TO MEET CONN

Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis has signed to defend his title against Billy Conn of Pittsburgh. It was announced recently in New York. The bout will be held in June Conn, who is king of the light-heavyweights, has been campaigning in the heavyweight division in recent months.—United Press.



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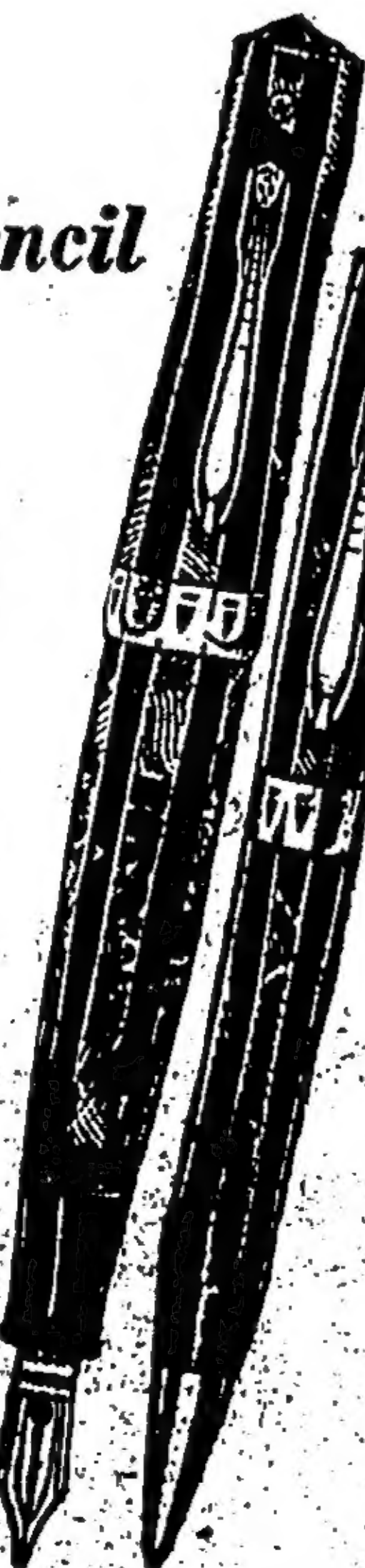
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The Bogey Par Pool held over the Old Course at Fanling during the Christmas Holidays attracted 42 entries and was won by Major W. G. Harvey (10), one up. The Medal Round over the Old Course was won by T. Low, 82 (12) 70. There were 30 entries.

The Bogey Par Pool over the New Course attracted only 14 entries and was won by A. J. Dennis (10), one up.

The sum of \$35 from entrance fees has been donated to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund.

The Captain's Cup will be held on January 4 and 5 over the Old and New Courses. Bogey Par Pools will be held on January 11 and 12 over the New Course and on January 18 and 19 over the Old.

The first round of the Junior Championship will be held on January 19.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY PROGRAMME

Following is Sunday's programme of Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament matches:

10.30 A.M.	A. N. Other XI v Police "B"
	Destroyers v Police "A"
	Gunboats v C.B.A.
	5th A.A. "B" v Recreio
4.00 P.M.	University v Nomads
	Punjab v 2nd M.T.B.'s
	Signals v 5th A.A. "A"

K.C.C. TEAMS

Kowloon have picked a strong team to meet Indians in the first junior League cricket match at Sookunpoo on Saturday. The team is—S. A. Gray (captain), R. Baldwin, G. A. Goodban, F. Goodwin, W. W. Parson, T. A. Maqar, K. M. Baxter, L. R. Burch, W. L. Rapley, E. Curtis, H. Brokenshire, Umpire, R. Leigh, Scorer, J. W. Bertram.

At Kowloon, Recreio will meet the senior team at home in a friendly game. Kowloon's team is—E. C. Fincher (captain), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, A. Zimmer, F. R. Zimmer, E. F. Fincher, F. J. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, R. T. Broadbridge, Umpire, J. P. Robinson, Scorer, T. W. Carr.

C.C.C. SELECTIONS

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday at 2.00 p.m.

1st XI (v H.K.C.C. Friendly, Away):—E. Zimmer (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, T. H. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, J. L. Young, Saye and H. G. Foreman (Reserve).

2nd XI (v Police League, Home):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Eock, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way, O. M. Omar (Reserve) and L. Chda (Reserve).

Marshall Leong, St. Mary's Chinese sophomore full-back, kills medicine herbs to help finance his schooling.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Notice Missed Putt BY BEST BALL

The golfer who gets too exasperated with his putts, when they go past the hole, to notice the course the ball takes, is overlooking a bet. For the path the ball takes at this stage of the journey, when much of its momentum has left it, will reveal the slope of the green at this point and the amount of borrow the golfer must allow to sink the ball on the next stroke. This observation is useful on rolling greens and even on those putting surfaces which apparently have little slope. Putting demands great accuracy and no item is to be overlooked which will help the golfer in his performance.

While this process is largely advocated for those long rolling putts which are designed to reach the hole and not fall short of it, it is also useful on short shots just off the green. Such shots are designed to place the golfer in a position to hole out in one stroke. The golfer can enhance his chances for success by partially determining its returning course in advance.

Next Article: Correct Body Time.

JAPANESE SWIMMERS FOR MANILA

Among the passengers en-route to Manila yesterday were Messrs. S. Arai, T. Honma, T. Hiraga, S. Oura and T. Honda, members of a swimming team which is to compete in Manila. Mr. K. Sai o, famous Japanese swimming coach and sports writer, who recently took a team to South America on an exhibition tour is also with the team.

SATURDAY'S BOWLS

The Volunteer Sergeants' Mess will entertain Kowloon Bowling Green Club in a friendly Lawn Bowls match at Cox's Road on Saturday, at 2.45 p.m.

MAJORITY TO INDIANS

Thirty-four of the Indians' games last Summer were decided by a single run, with the Tribe winning 19.

(Continued from Next Col.) to equal the record, which is 96 goals scored in one season in League football. So far they have scored 71.

The Engineers still have another 12 matches to play this season and should have no difficulty in reaching this goal.

Hockey

ON Sunday Middlesex Regiment will play the 5/7 Rajput Regiment at Shamshuipo in the Large Units Hockey League, both at 1.15 p.m.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

Softball

IN Second Division of the Men's Softball League Royal Air Force beat Royal Scots on Sunday to the tune of 25 points to 2, and the Engineers were beaten by the Cosmopolitans 17 points to 4.

Billiards

THE Garrison Billiards Tournaments have now reached the semi-final stages, and the semi-final of the Garrison Challenge Cup will be played on Thursday at the Soldiers' Club, the first game between the R.A.S.C. and the R.A.M.C. commencing at 5.30 p.m.

The second game will be played between either the R.A.P.C. or the G. M. Police and the 22nd (F) Coy Engineers or the HQ Coy of the Royal Scots.

The semi-final of the Garrison Soldiers' Club Tournament will be played at the Soldiers' Club on the 4th and 7th instant, both games commencing at 6 p.m.

On the 4th the R.A.M.C. will play the Volunteers, who are strong favourites for this competition.

On the 7th either the "A" Coy Royal Scots or the R.A.P.C. will play the Royal Corps Signals or the 40F. Coy Engineers.

The Individual Billiards championship semi-finals will be played on Thursday, both games commencing at 3 p.m.

The first game between Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C. and B.S.M. Rawlings R.A. should result in a win for the former. The second game between S.Q.M.S. Woods, R.A.S.C. and Pte Whybro, R.A.M.C. is a difficult game to forecast but I think that Whybro will just make it.

The Individual Snooker Championship semi-finals will be played on Friday the 3rd at 3 p.m. First game between Lieut. Dixon (Hon. Secretary Area Billiards) and S.Q.M.S. Woods, R.A.S.C. will, I think, result in a win for Lieut. Dixon.

The second game between Cpl. Harvey R.A.M.C. and Piper Milne, Royal Scots should result in a win for Harvey, who is expected to win both individual competitions.

The Shield, which was recently presented to the Billiards section of the Area Sports Board by Messrs. J. A. Windsor and Co., will be competed for as a Snooker League which will be run during the latter part of January 1941 after the completion of other competitions during the present season.

Cricket

AT Sookunpoo on Sunday the Royal Scots suffered heavy defeat by the Volunteers who won by 200 runs.

The Volunteers batted first and scored 278 runs for 6 wickets declared, and the Royal Scots replied with 78. Volunteers put the Scots in again and they scored 83 runs for 8 wickets, with Cpl. Aisey and Lieut. Fergus each scoring 19 runs.

At King's Park on Sunday the Sappers were defeated by H.M.S. Tamar by 20 runs.

The Engineers made 126 with Shaw scoring 28. The Engineers' bowlers could not find their length, and they were duly punished.

Tamar batted first and scored 146 runs for 8 wickets declared, Honeywell making 83 runs, not out, and Leading Telegraphist West 32.

Athletics

WE must congratulate Sig. A. Lewis on the fine performance he gave in the 10,000 metres open to the Colony run on Sunday at Caroline Hill; he finished second about 300 metres behind the winner.

Cpl. Manson of Royal Scots, well known local runner, dropped out of the race after completing 17 of the 25 laps of the course.

Association Football

THE Engineers have now passed the Service Corps in the race for the goal-scoring records by virtue of the fact that they beat Cub nine goals to nil on Saturday.

They only need another 25 goals (Continued on page 15, 1st Col.)

ON HOW TO PLAY SOCCER

By "Referee"

IN FOOTBALL THE best defence is to attack. The successful centre-forward is one who knows how and when to attack throughout the game, and never knows when he is beaten. His persistency leads to ultimate victory, which comes only to those who move goalwards, shoot hard and with every chance. The thing is to attack and shoot. Make a point of shooting for goal from all angles when seeing a favourable opportunity. You will not score always; but, maybe, your shot at an awkward angle will hit the upright or the crossbar and from the rebound one of the inside-forwards will score a goal.

A centre-forward has to lead the attack; to co-ordinate the attacking efforts of others, either inside-forwards or half-backs. He is looked upon by his team, and the crowd watching the game, as the pivot on which goal-scoring depends. This responsibility cannot rest light upon the shoulders of any player wishing to become a successful leader. Not only is it necessary to be quick-witted, but one must show intelligent anticipation of all the movements of the team. In the centre of the game, usually positioning in mid-field, most of the planned manoeuvres in attack end up with the ball being passed to him for re-distribution or scoring. This makes him the brains of attack, and also the target for the concentrated energies, physical and in playing craft, of the opposing defence.

Forward Must Have Weight And Speed

To retain his place in first-class football a centre-forward must have weight and speed. Being the spearhead of attack calls for strength and weight above the average to counter the buffeting received in the game. He must not be easily charged off the ball, and, above all, be sure-footed. Misplacement of the ball through faulty footwork might mean the loss of a goal.

Wing players initiate raids on to the goal, but the centre-forwards has to finish their work and turn it into goals. He has also to work with all three half-backs, especially the centre-half, who is the heavy artillery making it possible with long, ground passes, to keep up a constant attack.

The successful centre-forward, besides being the brains of the attacks, most certainly must be the heart. To be effective, his work should always carry the hall-mark of inspiration, and win confidence from his fellows throughout the game. There is even another point often overlooked in the work of a centre-forward—he should possess an almost uncanny anticipation of the ultimate aim of manoeuvre played by the rest of the team. In short, he has intuitively to know and pre-judge the cooperative mind of the rest of the team. Lacking this gift he will never be a great centre-forward.

Must Understand Contemporaries' Play

Especially should he know the mind of his inside-forwards and centre half-back. With this trio he creates movements which consolidate the attack. Anticipating the movements of the individual players is no easy task, and if a player lacks this intuitive gift, then let him study hard the various traits of his comrades so that every time they have the ball he knows by their foot-craft exactly what they intend doing with it, and position to receive it. A crack centre-forward watches the feet of his inside men and tells by the angle they pass the ball where to position almost to a yard. This is more than intelligent anticipation; it is knowledge gained through the judgment of intuitive experience.

Not the least important part of the equipment of a centre-forward is self-control. This seems to have little to do with the science of football, yet it has a great deal to do with the winning of matches. Self-control in a centre-forward is imperative, especially as he is the leader of the game. I don't mean self-control of one's temper, that should be understood and practised by every player, but self-control in the face of the many temptations to leave his position for what appears to be a better one, and purposely made for him by the opposing defence.

Prey Of The Off-Side Rule

This is a trap, either to place him offside, or to throw him away from a point when he would

initiate a dangerous movement. Many times a good chance has been thrown away by a centre-forward who will position too far up the field and in so doing become the easy prey of an exploited "off-side rule." This lack of control is very disheartening to the team as a whole, especially to the wing men who have manoeuvred an opening for him to break through, and which is spoilt by faulty positioning.

A centre-forward has also to remember he is expected to be the leader of the attack and the getter of goals. Both his team, and the crowd, expect him to win the game, and this mental attitude towards him calls for more confidence and self-control on his part than from anyone else in the team. Finally a centre-forward must

PARNABY CAUTIONED

Parnaby, of Royal Scots, who was ordered off the field of play during the First Division Football game against St. Joseph's was cautioned at the meeting of the Emergency Committee held last night.

The referee E. C. Ford did not appear.

not let his enthusiastic leadership end in erratic shooting at goal. The supreme test of his foot-craft is the moment when he is in a scoring position, his team's success depending upon this one chance of scoring a goal, and keeping accurate ball-control. How often have I seen centre-forwards with in scoring range kick wildly in their uncontrolled excitement, skying the ball over the cross-bar to the consternation of their team. Make a point of shooting along the ground. Of course, if at an awkward angle it may not be possible to do this, but at reasonable range, and unhampered by the defence, a hard ground shot will usually score if correctly placed.

(This is the last of four articles which have appeared in "The China Mail").

NO SOFT JOB

Ruth Whitmore, wife of the softball commissioner, was the only woman scorekeeper in the national softball championships at Detroit, U.S.A., recently.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following is this week-end's Football programme.

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v Eastern (Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)
South China v Middlesex (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kowloon v 30th R.A. (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
South China v Ordnance (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Service Corps v Navy (Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Club v Kit Chee (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Middlesex (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Engineers v International (Military, 4.00 p.m.)
Signals v 20th R.A. (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
24th R.A. v 36th R.A. (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
35th R.A. v 12th R.A. (Stanley, 2.30 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

Kwong Wah v R. Scots (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)
Navy v Sing Tao (Causeway Bay, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v Engineers (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
R. Scots v Police (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)

LATEST FOOTBALL FIXTURES

As there will be no Interport with Shanghai this year, the League Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association met last night and arranged the programme for the vacant dates reserved for the Interport.

Following is the Chinese Holiday programme:—

January 22:—Kotewall Charity Cup Competition.
January 25 and 26:—Postponed League games.
January 27 Chinese New Year:—Semi-finals of the Lai Wah Cup Competition.
January 28:—Kotewall Charity Cup Competition.

SMALL BOYS' SOCCER

The presentation, by Mr. D. P. Lai, of trophies of the Kowloon Inter-School Small Boys' Miniature Soccer League took place at the McPherson playground, Homuntin, yesterday.

THIRD DIVISION

7th R.A. v Shell (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
A.S.A. v Air Force (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

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"CLOSER TO WAR"

Japanese Comment On The Roosevelt Speech

RAIDS ON LIBYAN AERODROMES

The enemy's Western Desert landing grounds at Tmimi, Derna and Gazala were raided by the R.A.F. on Sunday.

Fires were started at Tmimi and dispersed aircraft were attacked, according to an R.A.F. communique in Cairo.—Reuter.

BALTIC GENERALS IN RED ARMY

FORMER COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF OF THE LITHUANIAN, ESTONIAN AND LATVIAN ARMIES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED LIEUTENANT-GENERALS IN THE RED ARMY. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY.

These officers are Generals Vitkauskas, Jonson and Elavins, respectively.

Sixteen other officers of the armies of the former Baltic States have been appointed major-generals in the Red Army. Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia were incorporated in the Soviet Union last August.—Reuter.

More Guarded Tone By Officials

AN ASSERTION THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S POLICY IS DRIVING THE UNITED STATES CLOSER TO WAR WAS MADE YESTERDAY BY THE JAPANESE NEWSPAPER "YOMIURI SHIMBUN," COMMENTING ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH.

President Roosevelt's statement that he believed the Axis powers were not going to win the war was dismissed by the newspaper as "utterly irresponsible."

The paper adds: "Whatever the situation may be in the coming year the responsibility must be borne partly by the United States."

Japan's Policy, According To Itoh

Japan does not intend to aggravate the present situation in the Pacific, provided her own existence is not gravely threatened, said Dr. Itoh, the Japanese Minister of Information, to the correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Social Demokraten" in Stockholm yesterday.

Dr. Itoh added that Japanese policy was based on "alliance with the Axis directed against no nation, it merely defined the minimum demands necessary for Japan's existence."

Hope To Persuade

Dr. Itoh declared that Japan hoped to persuade the United States and Britain to sympathize with her view that each nation should play an unhindered role in her own part of the world.

In Eastern Asia, Japan's aim was reconstruction on a basis of international justice which would also promote world peace.—Reuter.

PEAK GARDENER ARRESTED

Caught sawing a pine tree at Mount Kellett yesterday, a gardener, Ho Kau, 36, employed at No. 174, The Peak, was charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett this morning, with damaging Government property.

It was alleged that defendant used a saw which belonged to Sir Robert To Tung. It had apparently been borrowed.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$50, or 10 weeks' hard labour.

Mr. Houghton, of No. 52, Broadwood Road, has reported the loss of a wrist watch, valued at \$70, between his residence and the Hong Kong Cricket Club last week.

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COLONY'S BILL OF HEALTH

Twenty-nine (one imported) cases of tuberculosis, nine of measles, two each of cholera and dysentery, and one each of diphtheria and chicken-pox were registered yesterday.

During last week, the Medical Authorities were notified of 188 cases of tuberculosis, with 12 deaths; 22 of dysentery, with 12 deaths; 11 of diphtheria with four deaths; nine of chicken-pox with one death; seven of typhoid with four deaths; six of measles; five of cholera with one death and two of mononucleosis.

HEAVY FINE FOR "SORBUNGING"

Pleading guilty to stealing 443 pounds of coal, property of the naval authorities, Sun, 44, 48, mistress of house No. 2808, was fined \$150 by Mr. E. H. H. Smith at Kowloon this morning.

She was charged to transfer coal to the naval Dockyard, yesterday, the coal was found on the floor boards of her car.

THE NOTES

Notes on the day's events, including the arrest of the gardener and the case of the woman who stole coal.

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